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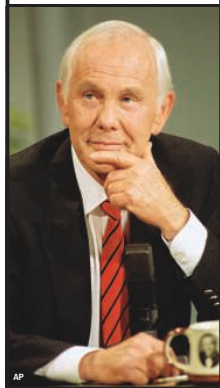
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Lisa Michaelis, a fitness instructor at the Tony Bass Fitness Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany, leads a class through the weightlifting portion of Saturday's two-hour aerobathon at the Resolution 2005 Health and Fitness Extravaganza. The five-hour event highlighted some of the fitness options available to those interested in keeping their New Year's resolutions to get fit.

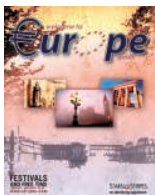
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Washington governor's race:** The state's Republicans, still pressing their court challenge to the disputed governor's election, have filed a separate challenge with the state Legislature.

"We did this to cover all our bases," said Mary Lane, a spokeswoman for Dino Rossi, the Republican who narrowly won the original vote count and a mandatory recount. In a hand recount, he lost to Democrat Christine Gregoire by 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast. Gregoire was sworn into office Jan. 12.

Republicans have filed a legal challenge against the hand recount in Chelan County Superior Court, saying mistakes were made and calling for another statewide vote. That same challenge was filed with the Legislature Friday evening, "as an insurance policy," Lane said Saturday.

**California mudslide:** Friends and family gathered Saturday on a windy beach to bid farewell to 10 people who were killed when a mudslide damaged more than two dozen homes in the free-spirited oceanfront village of La Conchita.

Hundreds of people wearing shorts, sandals and Hawaiian shirts converged for the ceremony in which about 50 surfers paddled 300 yards from shore, the names of the victims were read, and family and friends scattered orchid leis in the waves.

Heavy rains that turned Southern California into a flood zone and killed 28 people triggered the Jan. 10 mudslide.

**Boston's Big Dig:** Big Dig ramp supports designed to give the ramps smoother lines and greater stability, are attracting unwelcome pigeons and allowing homeless people access to passageways reserved for inspectors. The bird droppings are unhygienic for inspectors and increase the risk of corrosion, while unauthorized people in passageways pose possible security risks.

Last week, project supervisors decided to spend up to \$500,000 for screens over holes that were designed to give inspectors easy access to the supports but have also allowed pigeons to enter and roost. The Boston Globe reported. Officials have also placed metal rods across doors reachable from the ground, so they can be opened only by authorized personnel.

**Cruise ship sickness:** More than 250 people aboard a cruise ship fell ill with a stomach virus while touring the western Caribbean, cruise line officials said Saturday.

About 233 of the 3,465 passengers aboard the Mariner of the Seas and 20 of the vessel's 1,190 crew members became sick after the vessel left Port Canaveral on Jan. 16 for a seven-day cruise through the western Caribbean. The ship was expected to return early Sunday.

Michael Sheehan, a spokesman for Royal Caribbean International, described the illness as "your typical 24-hour stomach virus and nothing more" and blamed a sick passenger for bringing it on board.

## War on terrorism

**Chinese hostages:** Eight Chinese construction workers taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents have been safely transferred to Un-



**Hong Kong elections:** Protesters wear inflatable headresses in the shape of chickens that symbolize the Chinese word for referendum, referring to a referendum on direct elections, as more than 1,000 people held a rally and later marched in downtown Hong Kong on Sunday to demand full democracy and social justice in the Chinese territory. The protesters chanted "Direct elections in 2007 and 2008," the years in which Hong Kong is due to get new leader and legislature. This former British colony was handed over to Chinese rule in 1997 with a guarantee of democratic political rights that do not exist on the mainland, but many residents who want democracy say Beijing exerts too much control.

nese custody, China's Foreign Ministry said Sunday.

In a statement posted on its Web site Sunday night, the Foreign Ministry said the eight men were in good health and the Embassy in Baghdad was arranging for their return to China. "We are gratified that the Chinese citizens were safely released. We wish to show our thanks to those who helped launch rescue efforts," said ministry spokesman Kong Quan.

## World

**Palestinian girl shot:** The family of a 13-year-old Gaza girl shot by an Israeli soldier and shot again by an officer has sued the military, a lawyer said Sunday.

In its appeal to Israel's Supreme Court, release the results of the investigation and examine orders that led to the shooting, said lawyer Lahib Habib.

Soldiers fired at the girl as she approached a military observation post near the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip on Oct. 5. The soldiers said they thought she was planting a bomb. The girl's family said she was on her way to school.

**Nobel literature laureate on stamp:** Elfriede Jelinek, the exclusive winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in literature, has turned down an offer by Austria's post office to feature her image on a stamp, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Jelinek told postal officials she sought "no personal honors" and was uncomfortable with the idea of her face on a stamp, the newspaper Die Presse said. Jelinek did not attend the Dec. 10 Nobel festivities in Stockholm, Sweden, because of what she de-

scribes as "a social phobia."

**Afghan opium crop:** The poppy fields that once crowded every scrap of farmland in eastern Afghanistan have been supplanted by wheat. Farmers are slashing their cultivation of opium, government and foreign officials say, in a bright start for President Hamid Karzai's campaign against the world's largest illicit narcotics industry. Nation-wide, officials forecast a drop of between 30 percent to 70 percent in this year's crop.

**Sudan southern rebels:** Leaders of Sudan's main southern rebel group on Sunday were debating a peace deal to end Africa's longest-running war, a day before they planned to vote on approving the agreement with Sudan's government.

The Sudan People's Liberation Army's legislative body is expected to endorse the Jan. 9 agreement, which its leader John Garang signed with Sudanese Vice President Ali Osman Mohamed Taha.

**Serbia war crimes:** Serbia-Montenegro's foreign minister has called for a special parliament session to address U.S. and EU demands that Belgrade arrest and extradite war crimes suspects to the U.N. court.

Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic warned in comments published on Sunday by the Tanjug news agency that further stalling on the extradition of about a dozen fugitives wanted by the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, would have "tragic and irreparable" consequences.

Serbia-Montenegro, or what used to be Yugoslavia, faces possible international isolation because of its reluctance to extradite the suspects, including former Bosnian Serb army commander Ratko Mladic and four Serb police and army generals.

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# For 94th Engineers, it's time to go back

## Second Iraq deployment begins at month's end

BY RICK EMERT  
Stars and Stripes

VILSECK, Germany — The Rose Baracks community on Friday bid an official farewell to the 94th Engineer Battalion, which deploys to Iraq at the end of January, just one year after returning home from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

About 600 soldiers from the battalion will deploy to support 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Irwin, Calif., according to Maj. Stephen Danner, executive officer for the battalion.

The engineers' missions could include engineering and construction projects, as well as humanitarian and combat support, Danner said.

The battalion has had several large-scale training exercises to prepare for the deployment, including a mission rehearsal exercise and a computer-simulated staff exercise, Danner said.

The battalion's soldiers, based in Vilseck, Grafenwöhr and Hohenfels, have also trained individually and in platoon- and company-level training events, he said.

"The first time we deployed to Iraq, we kind of went in blind," Danner said. "Any soldier will tell you that we're better off now than when we deployed last time. The soldiers are prepared for this."

The soldiers who were asked agreed that they were ready. "I feel we are prepared for the deployment," said Spc. Walter Tomaszewicz, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "We have a lot of strong soldiers."

"We have a lot of good (noncommissioned officers) who really know what's going on," said Spc. Kevin Swindler, 535th Engineer Company. "They'll take care of us over there."

But getting ready for a one-year deployment to a combat zone means a whole lot more than training. The soldiers also had to consider how to prepare their families, both in Germany and back in the States.

"My family (in Pensacola, Fla.) has really been breaking out under the deployment; it's kind of scary over there right now,"



Swindler



Hoag



Tomaszewicz



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Lt. Col. Alfred Pantano Jr., facing camera, commander of 94th Engineer Battalion, and Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Landy case the battalion's colors during a farewell ceremony Friday at the Vilseck Army Airfield in Germany. The battalion will deploy to Iraq at the end of January. It will be the battalion's second deployment to Iraq.

said Pvt. Cory Hoag, Company B. "I've tried to assure them that everything will be OK. They support me, but they are worried."

Hoag's wife, Sgt. Jennifer Hoag, 201st Forward Support Battalion, is currently in Iraq. She is scheduled to arrive home about a month after Hoag deploys. The total time apart will be two years by the time Hoag's deployment ends.

"The separation is hard," Hoag said. "That's why I'm excited to get out of here. I

don't want to stay here going crazy without her. I love her and miss her, and I can't wait to see her again."

Tomaszewicz married his high school sweetheart, Kodie, less than a month ago. He had to scramble to get all the paperwork in order before the deployment.

"She's taking it pretty hard," he said. "But we've been together for years, and we got through the (first) deployment, so we'll make it through this one."

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Pat Ridge gets his blood pressure tested by Rosaura Estrada, a health care specialist who said Ridge's blood pressure was excellent. The 221st Base Support Battalion in Wiesbaden held a fitness fair designed to encourage people to get healthy.

# Wiesbaden health community showcases options for fitness

BY JESSICA INIGO  
Stars and Stripes

WIESBADEN, Germany — Each year people try to work out a way to hit the gym more often, but end up with the same size pants and another resolution to make the next year the year to get in shape.

This year the 221st Base Support Battalion exercised some initiative by bringing a fitness fest to the community to remind recent gym returnees that working out is not only healthy, but fun as well.

"One of people's top resolutions is to work out, get fit," said Susanne Dale, the 221st BSB fitness coordinator during the Resolution 2005 health and fitness extravaganza at the Tony Bass Fitness Center on the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Saturday. "It's important for everyone to be fit, no matter what the reason. It's an important quality of life issue. So we're reaching out to the community to help them keep their resolutions."

The five-hour extravaganza showcased some of the fitness classes available at the gym, including cycling, kickboxing, power lifting and yoga. For people not interested in taking classes, a 5-kilometer run wound through the post streets.

However, working out is not the only key to being healthy, which is why community booths also checked cholesterol, blood pressure, body fat and vision during the extravaganza.

Another key to staying fit is preventing injury, according to Frankie Hill, a physical therapist who set

up a booth offering tips on finding the best running shoe for individual feet.

"If you don't have the appropriate footwear for the foot type it could lead to shin splints, knee pain, hip pain and back problems. The proper shoe makes a big difference," she said.

The Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine for the 104th Area Support Group booth presented its civilian fitness program, through which three hours of work time can be used for gym time.

"We're trying to get a fitness program going for family members, and we're looking into different incentives to get them into the gym," Mary Ferguson said. She also had smoking prevention pamphlets for teens, which she said is important.

"You don't find very many smokers who start when they're teens," Ferguson said. "Any time a person wants to quit it's good."

The extravaganza ended with an iron-pumping challenge with awards given to top bench pressers. To keep the resolve of the community in check, fitness classes and events will be held throughout the year in the 221st BSB, including a baby boot camp class to whip new mothers back in shape, martial arts training in the gym, and another fitness fest in September.

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**"It's important for everyone to be fit, no matter what the reason. It's an important quality of life issue."**

**Susanne Dale**  
221st BSB fitness coordinator

# Code names secret no longer

Unauthorized book challenges secrecy of classified military information

BY DANA PRIEST

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If you think of a hit television series when you read the words "West Wing," then you probably don't have to worry about your next security clearance polygraph.

But if it brings to mind secret U.S. bases in Jordan, you might have a problem if you have read William Arkin's new book, which amounts to the sort of unauthorized dump of classified information you would have to report to protect your clearance.

In "Code Names: Deciphering U.S. Military Plans, Programs, and Operations in the 9/11 World," Arkin discloses and briefly defines 3,000 military code names.

Some of them are still classified. Each one represents a discrete dot in the ever-growing clandestine world of Delta Force and SEAL commandos, of spy satellites and worldwide electronic eavesdropping.

Once fleshed out and connected, Arkin hopes, the dots will reveal the invisible world where billions of dollars have been spent to fight terrorism after Sept. 11, 2001, without the scantiest of public debates.

"This is Arkin's effort to challenge the wisdom of letting the government make so many crucial decisions in the dark."

"You either believe in democracy or you don't," said Arkin, the author of 10 other books and a columnist, military analyst, and former Army intelligence officer who now works out of an office in Vermont.

"There's no question that the fundamental problem that led to 9/11 was compartmentalization and secrecy of government agencies hoarding information as power and not communicating with one another, even at the highest level."

Because of this secrecy, he said, the American public did not understand the extent of the terrorist threat. "Secrecy can have its greatest impact internally," he said. "That's what breeds all of this compartmentalization and code names."

The independent Sept. 11 commission also warned in its report about the hoarding of information, particularly by the FBI and CIA. The commission's solution: a new national intelligence czar and new national counterterrorism center to force all agencies and all agents to share their information.

Arkin's solution: Fight fire with fire. A secret head, a secret director. He offers many bombshells, each of which could make up a chapter of the 600-plus-page book.

"The classification system is dysfunctional," said Gen. Charles Horner, air commander during the 1991 Persian Gulf War who has long sparred with Arkin over air power matters but describes him as a

man of integrity. "Overclassification makes it hard for people to work together... and the fact that Arkin is able to dredge all this up says it's not working anyway."

Horner, who has read the book, said, "I didn't find anything that would really hurt the national defense." But, he said, it will no doubt "make the narrow-minded" officials in the defense establishment "very upset."

Asked to comment on the book and on the code names cited in this article, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman replied: "At any given time, there are a number of classified programs across the government that, for national security reasons, it would be inappropriate to discuss. With respect to your specific questions, it would be irresponsible for me to comment on any classified program that may or may not exist. Disclosing classified information places the nation and its citizens at risk."

Arkin gleaned his list of code names from Pentagon and intelligence agency documents he has obtained, and from similar briefings he has read and copied, or discussed with longtime sources whom he said he trusts "100 percent."

In consultation with a few former military and intelligence officials, he said, he has "fuzzed up" some of the most sensitive. Among the code names the book discloses are:

■ West Wing, which refers to two remote air bases in Jordan that the U.S. military has used extensively for Special Operations aircraft, including A-10s, and for the 1,400 Special Operations personnel who poured into the country before the United States invaded Iraq in 2003. The bases have become the hubs for U.S. military counterterrorism operations in the Middle East, Arkin's book says.

A spokesman for the Jordanian Embassy said she could not comment on the matter.

■ Titirant Ranger, which refers to a special access program — among the most highly guarded types of programs — for a counterterrorism unit operating on the clandestine side of the Special Operations Command. It was assigned in July 2002, Arkin writes, replacing Capacity Gear, which had replaced Grey Fox, which is known to have engaged in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

■ Toolchest, the code name for the secret technical agreement between the United States and Germany regarding the deployment of nuclear weapons. Toy Chest is the name for the agreement with the Netherlands. Stone Ax for the one with Italy and Pine Cone for the one with Belgium.

■ Power Geyser, the code name for a "continuity of government" plan that would be activated in the United States to keep the government functioning in a crisis.



The Washington Post

**Military analyst William M. Arkin's latest book, "Code Names: Deciphering U.S. Military, Plans, Programs, and Operations in the 9/11 World," discloses and briefly defines 3,000 military code names.**

## Change of command

RAF MILDENHALL, England — Col. Matthew Arens took command of the 100th Operations Group at RAF Mildenhall during a ceremony Friday.

He takes command from Col. Bryan Benson, who is now commander of the 71st Flying Training Squadron at Vance Air Force Base, Okla.

Arens comes to RAF Mildenhall from Brussels, Belgium, where he was chief of data admin-

istration for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## Remains coming home

EAGLE PASS, Texas — More than 60 years after his plane disappeared during World War II, a South Texas soldier's remains are coming home.

Second Lt. James Walter Carver will be buried with full military honors on Saturday at the foot of his mother's grave in Eagle Pass.

An Army navigator, Carver

had just turned 22 when his plane disappeared while en route to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, after a night raid on a Japanese base. Seven other men, including another Texan, were on board.

Carver's parents received a telegram in November 1942 telling them their son was missing in action.

A villager searching for beetle nuts in Papua New Guinea discovered the wreckage of the American bomber plane in 1998.

From staff and wire reports



Photo courtesy of DODDS

The students at SHAPE American High School in Belgium are running a number of fund-raisers to benefit tsunami victims in South Asia. Among the projects are Valentines for Victim cards — a pack of 10 Valentine cards with tsunami-ravaged islands and hearts drawn on them.

# SHAPE students go artful with tsunami relief fund-raisers

BY JESSICA INIGO

Stars and Stripes

When the news hit of the damage from the tsunami-struck nations Dec. 26, the first thing Hayley Heineken did was call for help.

The president of the SHAPE, Belgium, American High School contacted the school vice president Laura Fitzgerald to brainstorm how they could raise money to help the relief effort.

Once back at school from a holiday break, Heineken, along with the rest of her high school and the SHAPE International School raised nearly \$4,000 in less than a week through different fund-raising efforts to send to the International Red Cross in support of areas ravaged by the tsunami.

"Our biggest fear is that money won't be there when they need to rebuild their infrastructure, so we're going to keep this going as long as we can," Heineken said during a phone interview Thursday. "We're coming up with ideas for taking it out to the community, because, so far, this has just been donations mainly provided by kids and teachers."

With the help of SHAPE art

teacher, Bill Root, the school raised \$500 within the first 45 minutes, selling blue ribbons during lunchtime. This snowballed, and donations poured in, Root said.

An anonymous caller phoned the school and promised to match the school's first \$1,000, which was raised the next day.

Fund-raising efforts continued with a memorial service at the post cinema, where donations were taken for candles and lunch bags with images of the tsunami drawn by SHAPE elementary school students.

Then students sold Valentines for Victim cards, which is a pack of 10 Valentine cards with islands that were hit by the tsunami and a heart drawn on them.

Now, the school is conducting a draw-a-thon, where school artists receive pledges for every hour they draw. Once the draw-a-thon is complete, the artwork will be auctioned off.

"The students are really excited to be helping out. I've always taught them to think creatively and it's wonderful they get to use this thinking in a real-life situation," Root said.

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# 'We can use art to educate'

## Kuwait-deployed reservist traded badge and gun for pen and paint

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait — A lot of men in the Louisiana penitentiary might just wish that Lt. Col. Michael Verrett had stuck to drawing Mickey Mouse.

Coming out of high school in the South, Verrett wanted two things out of life: to work as an artist for the Walt Disney Corp., and to play college baseball at Louisiana State University.

"But Disney wasn't hiring, and LSU wasn't giving baseball scholarships," said Verrett, 46. "So I got a job with the police department."

Verrett's career has taken a few turns and turns over the years. He went on to become one of Baton Rouge's best-known homicide detectives, then added the duties of police sketch artist. Five years later, he began writing and illustrating children's books.

Last summer, his Army Reserve unit got called up for a Middle East assignment. He's now the container manager for the Combined Forces Land Component Command at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Verrett's interest in art started almost before he was out of the crib. "My child became fascinated with all things Disney."

"When I was four years old, I started drawing with crayons on the walls," he said. "Mom liked the art work, but not the location."

But growing up in public hous-

ing in one of the poorest states in the country narrowed his post-high school options. He enlisted in the National Guard at age 17, and two years later became an officer. He joined the Baton Rouge police force at age 20 — transferring the same year to the Army Reserve and moved to the homicide team four years later.

On the murder beat, he teamed up with Keith Bates to form a celebrated crime-solving partnership that seemed made for a television cop show.

"They solved crimes when others were stupefied," said Donna Britt, a friend of Verrett's who is longtime reporter and anchorwoman at WAFB-TV, the CBS affiliate in Baton Rouge. "Verrett and Bates were in our headlines, sometimes, every night."

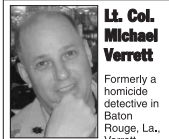
Verrett is white and Bates black, but the two men found they were more alike than different. Both shared a strong Christian faith.

"He was from the 'hood, and I was from the projects, so we meshed well," Verrett said.

Through his police career, though, Verrett never forgot his love of art and writing. He always tried to put a bit of extra flair into typically dry police reports. He became the Baton Rouge police department's sketch artist and, in 1998, graduated from the FBI's sketch artist school.

Away from work, he painted murals at his sons' school and taught night classes in drawing and creative writing.

## Stripes Spotlight



**Lt. Col. Michael Verrett**

Formerly a homicide detective in Baton Rouge, La., Verrett

is now serving as container manager for the Kuwait-based Combined Land Forces Component Command. He also is an author and illustrator of children's books and a cartoonist for the CFLCC command publication Desert Voices.

**Age:** 46

**Family:** Wife, Melissa; three sons: Chris, 20; Brian, 16; Sean, 14

**Unit:** 143rd Transportation Command, Orlando, Fla.

**Home:** Morgan City, La.

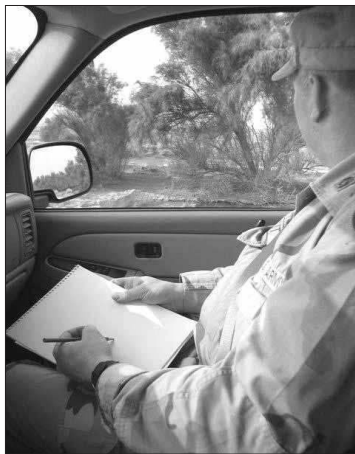
Stars and Stripes

A local book publisher, Keepsafe, in Baker, La., has published three of his books, the profits from which Verrett has donated to his church and local children's charities. Verrett retired from the police force after hitting the 25-year mark last spring. With no regrets, he said, over leaving behind the long, unpredictable hours and frequent clashes with supervisors who didn't always appreciate his blunt honesty.

His chief motivation, though, was to spend more time with his wife, Melissa, and his sons, Chris, Brian and Sean, while the boys were still in their teens.

"I wanted them to play ball instead of working the streets," Verrett said.

He also hoped to spend more time on his books and land a contract with a big-time book publisher. Those wishes moved to the back burner last summer, though, when his reserve unit, the 143rd Transportation Command from Orlando, Fla., got called up for a year's duty in Kuwait.



Photos provided

**Lt. Col. Michael Verrett's job as container manager for the Combined Forces Land Component Command frequently takes him from his desk at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, to other countries where troops live such as Qatar, Djibouti and Afghanistan. He always brings along a pad and pens to capture what he sees in cartoon form.**

Attached to CFLCC for the past five months, Verrett has overseen an inventory of all the Army's cargo containers in the Central Command region, from Africa to Afghanistan. Although it is less glamorous, he finds it no less challenging than police work. He said his team has tracked down 1,400 leased cargo containers that are costing the Army between \$20 and \$40 per day. Already he has returned 500 of them, saving millions of dollars.

But he hasn't forgotten his art. Verrett carries pens and pads with him everywhere to capture his restless thoughts. He draws cartoons at dinner and lies on his bunk at night, typing kids' stories into his laptop computer.

Staff Sgt. David Smith, 38, of Melbourne, Fla., works and frequently travels with Verrett on container-counting expeditions. He said Verrett has written a se-

ries of stories for Smith's 3-year-old daughter about the adventures of Sgt. Sam the Camel and the Ali Baba Lizards. He even draws while they're driving in the car.

"He's managed to capture so many scenes," Smith said. "When things strike him, he'll have (the cartoon) done in like five minutes."

When Verrett returns to Louisiana this summer, he says he'll try to get some of his new material published, including more "White Alligator" installments and several Christmas stories. Melissa is his editor, and his three sons will join him as co-illustrators.

"I tell people, we can use art to educate, inspire and entertain," Verrett said. "But if you hide it in your stock drawer, it doesn't help anyone."

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Verrett draws from his experience in the Middle East to capture a sense of what life is like for soldiers.

Courtesy of Michael



# Shigeya Kihara, last U.S. Army language pioneer, dies

BY DENNIS MCLELLAN

Los Angeles Times

Shigeya Kihara, the last surviving original instructor of the first U.S. Army language school, which was founded just prior to World War II to teach Japanese to American soldiers, has died. He was 90.

Kihara, who had advanced Parkinson's disease and suffered a stroke in 2002, died of natural causes at his son's home Jan. 16 in Castro Valley, Calif., said his son, Ron Kihara.

Originally known as the Fourth Army Intelligence School and based at the Presidio in San Francisco, the language training program later evolved into the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center at the Presidio of Monterey.

A Nisei, or second-generation Japanese

American, Kihara was one of the first four civilian instructors at the original school, which opened in 1941 in a converted airplane hangar.

Classes began on Nov. 1, with 60 students, 58 of them second-generation Japanese-Americans. Some five weeks later, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor plunging the United States into World War II.

Born in Fairfield, Calif., Kihara had earned a bachelor's degree in science from the University of California, Berkeley in 1937 and, after receiving a master's in international relations in 1939, he moved to Japan to study and travel.

Although he had promised his father he would study in Japan for two years, Kihara said in a 2001 interview with the Monterey County Herald, "war fever" made studying difficult. Japan had invaded China in 1937

and when it invaded French Indochina in July 1941, Kihara feared he would be trapped in Japan if war broke out with the United States.

His father, however, wasn't happy when Kihara wrote a letter saying he was returning home, he recalled. "My father said if I came back from Japan, I was no longer his son."

Kihara nevertheless sold his portable typewriter, his shoes and overcoat to buy a steerage ticket on a U.S.-bound steamer. When he arrived in San Francisco, he was greeted at the dock by his brother, who told him, "Papa says you can come home."

After Kihara returned home, a UC Berkeley professor suggested that he take a job teaching Japanese to soldiers.

Kihara reported to the Fourth Army Intelligence officer at the Presidio of San

Francisco. A week later, Kihara received an appointment to the U.S. Civil Service as a civilian Army employee and instructor in Japanese.

The government's decision to launch the language school, Kihara said in a 1991 interview with the Herald's weekend magazine, "was an unprecedented, historical decision." Heretofore, Japanese-Americans were considered second-class citizens, linked to Japan, and not to be trusted," he said. "Here they were asked to do something of vital service to the United States, very critical not only for the U.S. Army but for Japanese-Americans."

Ron Kihara said Friday that his father "was always a loyal American."

"I remember a friend of mine once listening to my dad talking. He said, 'Shig, you make me feel like I need to stand up and salute.' Dad was that way," Kihara said.

# U.S. troops detain key insurgent leaders

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

**RAMADI, Iraq** — A joint task force of U.S. soldiers and Marines has detained several "key Ramadani-based insurgent leaders," including leaders of a bomb-making cell and an associate of suspected terror ringleader of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, officials said Saturday.

According to 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division officials, the 10 men were captured over a series of raids completed last week. The raids were conducted by members of the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry; 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry; and 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, all of which operate in and around Ramadi.

The captured leaders include a man identified by the military as

Abel al Sattar Ismael, allegedly the leader of "multiple improvised explosive device manufacturing terror cells," according to a military statement.

Ismael's terror cells included more than 60 fighters, operating in 13 cells "responsible for attacks... including mortar attacks, suicide bomb attacks and roadside bombs," the statement read.

U.S. forces said they also captured Ismael's second in command, a man they described as responsible for transporting militants to and from attacks and providing vehicles and weapons to the terror cells.

Officials said the forces also detained several members of a terror group known as the 1920th Revolutionary Battalion, a group military intelligence officials say

is comprised of former Baath Party members and the Iraqi military.

The raids also netted a man identified as Ismael Jeddani, an alleged associate of al-Zarqawi, often described as the most wanted man in Iraq. U.S. officials have a \$25 million bounty on al-Zarqawi's head.

2nd Brigade officials said last week's raids also netted several members of kidnapping rings who target foreigners or Iraqis working with U.S. forces. More than 4,200 soldiers from 2nd Brigade and other associated units — including a field artillery unit and an engineer unit — deployed from South Korea to Iraq last fall and have been operating under command of the 1st Marine Division since arriving.

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## Alleged bomb-maker caught

Stars and Stripes

The Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, now in Iraq, recently captured an insurgent who told the unit he was a bomb-maker, the 31st MEU has announced in a news release.

Several large caches of weapons, ammunition and documents were seized from the insurgent's home after he was captured during a small raid in Karabillah, the release stated, adding that the caches contained enough materials to produce more than 30 improvised explosive devices.

The insurgent told the troops he had retrieved all of the ord-

nance from an old Iraqi army ammunition supply unit in Sa'dah, loading his vehicle full of ordnance before returning home, where he buried the munitions in several locations throughout his property.

The man claimed that he began building IEDs during summer 2003, the release stated, and since then, has detonated several of the devices against Multi-National Force convoys.

The weapons were destroyed, the 31st MEU stated.

The unit's current mission, the release stated, is to enhance security and stability in western Iraq and the Anbar province in support of the upcoming Iraqi elections.

# U.S. ambassador: Serious problems ahead of Iraq election

BY ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — The U.S. ambassador acknowledged serious problems ahead of next weekend's election but gave assurance Sunday that "great efforts" were being made to ensure every Iraqi can vote.

Meanwhile, in an audiotape posted on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Iraq's most feared terrorist declared "fierce war" on democracy, raising the stakes in the vote.

Also, five swept through the general hospital in a southern Iraqi city early Sunday, killing 14 people and injuring 75, said a spokesman for the Italian military forces based in the city.

Rebels who have vowed to disrupt the balloting blew up a designated polling station near Hillah south of Baghdad and stormed a police station in Ramadi west of the capital, authorities said.

A U.S. soldier was killed Saturday on a security patrol in Mosul, the U.S. command said Sunday. U.S. and Iraqi officials fear more such attacks in the run-up to Sunday's election and have announced massive security measures to protect voters. Iraqis will choose a 275-seat National Assembly and provincial councils in Iraq's 18 provinces in the first nationwide balloting since the ouster of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Large turnouts are expected among Iraq's majority Shiites in the south and minority Kurds in the northeast. But the big question is whether Sunni Arab Muslims, who form the core of the insurgency, will defy rebel threats and boycott calls from their clergy and participate in substantial numbers.

In a series of interviews Sunday on American television talk shows, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte acknowledged an increase in rebel intimidation of Iraqi officials and security forces and noted serious security problems remain in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad.



**A U.S. Army tank crew watches over Iraqi National Guard soldiers on patrol in Mosul, Iraq, on Sunday. U.S. and Iraqi officials fear a spike in bloodshed and have announced massive security measures to protect voters from possible insurgent attacks during the elections.**

"But security measures are being taken, by both the multinational forces here in Iraq as well as the Iraqi armed forces and police," Negroponte told "Fox News Sunday." "There will be some problematic areas... But even there, great efforts are being made to enable every Iraqi eligible to do so to be able to vote."

Underscoring the threat, a speaker identifying himself as Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate — condemned the election, branding candidates as "demi-ids" and saying those who vote for them "are infidels" — a clear threat to the safety of all those who participate in the balloting.

The speaker warned Iraqis to be careful of "the enemy's plan to implement so-called democracy in your country." He said the

Americans have engineered the election to install Shiite Muslims in power. Al-Zarqawi has in the past branded Shiites as heretics.

Most of the insurgents are believed to be Sunni Arabs, who lost influence and privilege with the fall of their patron Saddam. Their ranks have been reinforced by non-Iraqi Arab extremists who have come to Iraq to wage holy war against the Americans.

In order to encourage as big a turnout of Sunnis as possible, U.S. and Iraqi troops have stepped up security operations in Baghdad, Mosul and other tense areas, rounding up hundreds of suspected insurgents. The U.S. command announced Sunday it had arrested an undisclosed "top insurgent suspect" in Baghdad after hunting him for nearly a year.

Sunni elder statesman Adnan Pachachi, who is running for the

National Assembly, told CNN's "Late Edition" that prospects for a good Sunni turnout had improved somewhat in recent weeks but it was important that Sunnis be properly represented in the new government.

To shake public confidence in the elections, insurgents have accelerated attacks against Iraq's security services, trained by the Americans but plagued by leadership and morale problems. A major insurgent group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, posted a videotape Sunday on a Web site showing the assassination of an Iraqi army colonel captured in Mosul.

The tape showed a man in civilian clothes holding a military identification card. As the man sat in a chair, a masked gunman approached from his right and shot him in the head with a rifle.

The blaze at the Nasiriyah Gen-

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,371 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,077 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 20; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,233 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 968 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- No deaths reported.
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- No identifications reported.

eral Hospital was believed to have been caused by an electrical fault, the fire department said.

The injured were transferred to another hospital in the city, about 200 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Dr. Francesco Torino, a spokesman for the Italian contingent in Nasiriyah, said that 14 people died and 75 were injured.

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# GIs sentenced in Iraqi interpreter's death

By DOUG STRUCK  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — Two U.S. soldiers were sentenced to prison terms Saturday for the shooting death of an Iraqi interpreter in November at an Army base in Baghdad.

One of the soldiers said that he and his colleague had been "joking and horsingplay" with the translator when the interpreter was pulled on a pistol pointed at her head. The soldiers said they did not realize the gun was loaded.

Sp. Charley Hooser, 28, of Midland, Texas, received a three-year term for involuntary manslaughter and filing a false report. Sp. Rami Dajani, 24, a Palestinian who attended school in the United States and served as an interpreter, was sentenced to

## Two also are demoted and dishonorably discharged

18 months for being an accessory after the fact and for filing a false report. Both men were ordered demoted to the rank of private and dishonorably discharged.

The soldiers had originally told investigators that the interpreter, identified in court as Luma Hadi, 28, had accidentally shot herself, according to testimony at a court-martial Saturday at Camp Victory near Baghdad. Both men pleaded guilty to the charges in an agreement with Army prosecutors and offered tearful apologies for the incident before they were sentenced.

Hadi helped interview Iraqi taken into custody by U.S. forces.

Hooser said he and Dajani were her close friends and that

they had been playing around in the office where they all worked. She was laughing and joking, Dajani said.

"Somebody said something about shooting someone. We said we could just kill Luma," Hooser testified in court.

Both men said Dajani reached into a locker where Hadi had stored a pistol she carried for her protection and handed it to Hooser without checking whether it was loaded. Hooser said he pointed the gun at Hadi and squeezed the trigger, also without checking it.

"I can never say 'sorry' enough," Hooser said in court. "I killed a friend in a split second of stupidity. I have no excuse."

It was unclear why the weapon was loaded. The prosecutor, Capt. Lawrence Edell, said Dajani admitted to "having put a magazine in the weapon on purpose." But Dajani testified that he did not notice it was loaded when he picked it up.

Hadi, who formerly worked as an interpreter for The Washington Post, was the mother of a 6-year-old girl. According to Edell, U.S. authorities paid the family \$25,000 in compensation for her death.

Hadi's family did not attend the court session because it was too dangerous to travel there, her brother, Ali, said. The family's name is being withheld to protect their safety.

When Ali heard the news of Hooser's sentence, he broke down in tears and said he was surprised the soldier had been sentenced to time in prison.

"I am happy, because he was punished by the law," he said, "but I am sad because I remember my sister."

Ali said his family had not told Hadi's daughter that her mother was dead. "If we live, in the future, we will tell Sara everything about how her mother was brave and lovely," Ali said.

One of Hadi's friends reacted to the sentencing with mixed feelings. "This is justice, but Luma would have hated this," said the friend, a fellow Iraqi translator. "She loved the soldiers. She never would have wanted this to happen to them."

Correspondent Jackie Spinner contributed to this report.

# I.S. medics are going the extra mile to help sick Afghan children

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — A man cradling a sickly child in his arms and walking for a couple of hours to get help makes for a powerful image.

Perhaps just as inspiring is the willingness of people half a world away to step forward and save the little guy with a bad heart from certain death.

The outpouring of support "has been just amazing," said Capt. Mike Roscoe, a physician assistant with the 76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard.

By late February, the beneficiaries, who have rallied to the aid of Qudrat Ullah hope to fly the 1-year-old to the United States for a heart operation.

"He will die without the surgery," said Lt. Col. Torry Snow, the brigade's civil military affairs officer.

During an October visit to a refugee camp near Kabul, a brigade medical staff evaluated Qudrat, one of many kids examined that day. It confirmed an earlier diagnosis by a Pakistani doctor that Qudrat has a hole in his heart, in which the flow of blood through his body.

But due to a lack of adequate equipment on hand and certain policies, the medical team could not move him. Two days later, the boy's father, Hakim Gul, walked to Camp Phoenix with his only child in his arms.

Thus began a tedious effort by the guard unit to get Qudrat to Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. It involved coordinating with doctors and organizations, fund-raising and plenty of paperwork, such as visas.

"Every time we turned around there seemed to be a roadblock," Snow said.

Doctors at the hospital have offered to perform the surgery, estimated to cost at least \$50,000, free of charge.

Roscoe said. In addition, the Rotary Club of Greenfield, Ind., of which Snow is a member, has agreed to cover many of the out-of-pocket expenses during the estimated 30-day stay.

"We're just waiting for the military to OK his flight," Roscoe said. "Everything is ready. Our end is pretty much done."

Meanwhile, another effort is under way to send a 5-year-old Afghan boy stateside for surgery to repair his arms, chest and back, which were burned in a house fire. The fire killed his mother and a couple of siblings.

Patrick Thibault, a medic in Herat who, while assigned in Camp Phoenix, treated the boy. "If he could get the operation, I'll be back to normal in a couple of years."

"He's a tough cookie," said Sgt. Patrick Thibault, a medic in Herat who, while assigned in Camp Phoenix, treated the boy. "If he could get the operation, I'll be back to normal in a couple of years."

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JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment's Mortar Platoon take a break after searching nearby fields for weapons caches. The battalion uses its HHC as an infantry unit, setting aside a sector that they patrol. The platoon deployed with its normal complement of mortarmen and added soldiers from the Reconnaissance Platoon, medics and even two cooks.

## Regiment adapts to infantry role

By JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq — Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment figure that if they look like infantry, act like infantry, and, if need be, fight like infantry, they'll be treated like infantry.

So when the battalion recently moved to Abu Ghraib, just north of Camp Liberty, the unit was given its own operating sector, just like other infantry companies.

"We've owned this sector from the very beginning," said company commander Capt. Bill Prayner. "We've been used as a maneuver company."

"We do more things than being mortarmen," said Sgt. 1st

Class Brad McCarty, Mortar Platoon sergeant. "It's an unexpected mission, but I'm glad we've got this mission."

The mortar platoon's mission on Thursday was to walk through farmers' fields just north of the town and search for weapons caches. Most of the company's five platoons have similar missions.

"We are an infantry platoon, how do you like that?" Mortarman Spc. Philip Morrison said as he manned his Humvee's machine gun. "We're not as big and can't flex as much power (as a regular infantry platoon)."

Morrison pointed to his Humvee's odometer as proof to the roads and fields his unit has been to. When the company received the Humvee two weeks earlier it had 68 miles on it. Now it's approaching 1,500, he said.

Coming back from those fields after a few hours of searching, the remainder of the platoon reported success. Soldiers found a rusted rocket-propelled grenade launcher, some rusted magazines, a Russian-built rocket with its explosives removed and two 155mm artillery shells.

It was a pretty good day for soldiers who are trained to fire shells, not find them.

Along with the mortarmen on patrol that day were a handful of cooks and medics.

"The Army is looking for adaptive leaders and adaptive units," said Prayner. "I utilize every guy I can. They all go out as rifle-men."

"We're not special, we do our job every day," he explained. "We're just 'bill collar.'"

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# Secret intel unit expands Rumsfeld's domain

BY BARTON GELMAN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon, expanding into the CIA's historic bailiwick, has created a new espionage arm and is reinterpreting U.S. law to give Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld broad authority over clandestine operations abroad, according to interviews with participants and documents obtained by The Washington Post.

The previously undisclosed organization, called the Strategic Support Branch, arose from Rumsfeld's written order to end his "near total dependence on CIA" for what is known as human intelligence.

Designed to operate without detection and under the defense secretary's direct control, the Strategic Support Branch deploys small teams of case officers, linguists, interrogators and technical specialists alongside newly empowered special operations forces.

Military and civilian participants said in interviews that the new unit has been operating in secret for two years — in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places they declined to name. According to an early planning memorandum to Rumsfeld from Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the focus of the in-



Donald Rumsfeld

telligence initiative is on "emerging target countries such as Somalia, Yemen, Indonesia, Philippines and Georgia." Myers and his staff declined to be interviewed.

The Strategic Support Branch was created to provide Rumsfeld with independent tools for the "full spectrum of human operations," according to an internal account of its origin and mission. Human intelligence operations, a term used in counterpoint to technical means such as satellite photography, range from interroga-

tion of prisoners and scouting of targets in wartime to the peacetime recruitment of foreign spies. A recent Pentagon memo states that recruited agents may include "notorious figures" whose links to the U.S. government would be embarrassing if disclosed.

Perhaps the most significant shift is the Defense Department's bid to conduct surreptitious missions, in friendly and unfriendly states, when conventional war is a distant or unlikely prospect — activities that have traditionally been the province of the CIA's Directorate of Operations. Senior Rumsfeld advisers said those missions are central to what they called the department's predominant role in combating terrorist threats.

The Pentagon has a vast bureaucracy devoted to gathering and analyzing intelligence, often in concert with the CIA, and news reports over more than a year have described Rumsfeld's drive for more and better human intelligence. But the creation of the espionage branch, the scope of its clandestine operations and the breadth of Rumsfeld's asserted legal authority have not been detailed publicly before. Two longtime members of the House Intelligence Committee, a Democrat and a Republican, said they knew no details before being interviewed for this article.

Pentagon officials said they established the Strategic Support Branch using "reprogrammed" funds, without explicit congressional authority or appropriation. Defense intelligence missions, they said, are subject to less stringent congressional oversight than comparable operations by the CIA. Rumsfeld's dissatisfaction with the CIA's operations directorate, and his determination to build what amounts in some respects to a rival service, follows struggles with then-CIA Director George Tenet over intelligence collection priorities in Afghanistan and Iraq. Pentagon officials said the CIA naturally has interests that differ from those of military commanders, but they also criticized its operations directorate as understaffed, slow-moving and risk-averse. A recurring phrase in internal Pentagon documents is the requirement for a human intelligence branch "directly responsive to tasking from SecDef," or Rumsfeld.

The new unit's performance in the field and its latest commander, reserve Army Col. George Waldrup, are controversial among those involved in the closely held program. Pentagon officials acknowledged that Waldrup and many of those brought quickly into his service lack the experience and training typical of

intelligence officers and special operators. In his civilian career as a federal manager, according to a Justice Department inspector general's report, Waldrup was at the center of a 1996 probe into alleged deception of Congress concerning staffing problems at Miami International Airport.

Navy Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, expressed "utmost confidence in Col. Waldrup's capabilities" and said in an interview that Waldrup's unit has scored "a whole series of successes" that he could not reveal in public. He acknowledged the risks, however, of trying to expand human intelligence too fast. "It's not something you quickly constitute as a capability. It's going to take years to do."

Rumsfeld's ambitious plans rely principally on the Tampa-based U.S. Special Operations Command, or SOCOM, and on its clandestine component, the Joint Special Operations Command. Rumsfeld has designated SOCOM's leader, Army Gen. Bryan Brown, as the military commander in chief in the war on terrorism. He has also given Brown's subordinates new authority to pay foreign agents. Some Pentagon officials refer to the combined units as the "secret army of Northern Virginia."

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# U.S. labors to build trust, leaders in Iraq

## Military advisers work directly with Iraqi forces to develop quality units

By STEVE FAINARU

The Washington Post

MOSUL, Iraq — A dozen U.S. and Iraqi military officers dropped in on the Mosul police chief last week. After arriving at his headquarters in their armored Humvees, the men crowded into the chief's office to discuss security for the Jan. 30 parliamentary elections.

An Iraqi special forces officer, Lt. Col. Adell Abbas, quickly took over. "I have everything I need to protect you," he assured the police chief.

The police chief appeared doubtful. He looked pleadingly around the room at the Americans, the real power in Mosul. What would they do to protect him? A Marine seated next to Abbas intervened. "Sir, Colonel Adell and I are brothers," said Maj. Frank Shelton. "He has a picture of my daughter. I have a picture of his son. Anything we can do to assist you, that is our mission together."

Abbas, 39, is commander of the 23rd Battalion, 6th Brigade, Iraqi Intervention Force. Shelton, 35,

**"Mission success is not making a round."**

**Maj. Frank Shelton**  
III Marine Expeditionary Force and senior adviser to an Iraqi security force

is the senior American adviser. In addition to keeping a photo of Abbas' 4-year-old son,

Mustafa, strapped to his left arm,

Shelton sleeps five feet from Abbas, eats meals

off the same plate and seldom leaves his side.

Their intense relationship is part of a changing U.S. strategy to find a way out of Iraq. After a string of battlefield failures by the nascent Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military has committed as many as 10,000 advisers to work directly with Iraqi units in the coming months. The goal is to develop quality leaders who can prevent the units from falling apart under attack and ultimately assume responsibility for Iraq's security.

In Iraq, U.S. commanders have developed a security plan for the upcoming elections in which Iraqi troops will have the mission's most dangerous assignment: protecting the polling sites that inevitably will be targets for attack. U.S. troops will provide perimeter security and respond to emergencies but will stay away from the polls to avoid any appearance they are trying to influence the elections, officers involved in the planning said.

Viewed up close, the relationship between Shelton and Abbas shows how complicated the strategy is: an American Marine teaching fundamental leadership skills in the middle of an escalating insurgency.

Shelton, an intense, 5-foot-7 fireplug whose father, Roy, was an American military adviser in Vietnam, said he and his team of eight U.S. advisers would contin-

ue to ride with the Iraqis in vulnerable, unarmed trucks as election day approaches.

U.S. commanders said they were optimistic that the new advisers would help the Iraqi security forces overcome their disappointing battlefield performances. In the most notorious incident, last April, a group of frightened Iraqi soldiers refused to fight insurgents in Fallujah. That incident crystallized what many American soldiers continue to believe: that Iraqi troops are generally under-motivated and poorly trained.

Abbas, lanky and intense, said he served 19 years in the Iraqi military under ousted President Saddam Hussein. He fought as a combatant diver in the Iran-Iraq war and the Persian Gulf War. His career ended on the outskirts of Baghdad on April 4, 2003, just as the city was about to fall to U.S. forces. Abbas said he gathered his battalion of 489 soldiers and told them they could go home. Then, Abbas did so himself.

Abbas said he sat around for the next year and a half, borrowing money from his brothers to support his family. Finally, he said, he received a call from a cousin in who had been named lieutenant general in the new 6th Brigade. Abbas said his allegiance had been to the old Iraqi army and not to Saddam, and he was thrilled at the opportunity to return to military life.

"If the new Iraqi army does not stand, Iraq will be finished. The fate of Iraq and the fate of the army are one and the same,"

Shelton, an infantry major with Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force based on Okinawa, holds a degree in political science from Vanderbilt University. He was a platoon commander during the American mission in Somalia in 1992.

After attending Ranger school and training as a naval paratrooper and a Marine Combatant Diver, he had learned the multiple skills that the military was seeking for its Advisory Support Teams, or ASTs.

Shelton said he prepared for Iraq by rereading an English translation of the Quran to better understand Islamic culture.

Out on the streets of Iraq, Shelton carries an M-4 assault rifle, a 9 mm Beretta, four fragmentation grenades and a Boker hunting knife that was a gift from his former father-in-law.

He carries hundreds of rounds of ammunition but said, "Mission success is not firing a round."

"You can accuse me of going native by growing facial hair and doing everything else," Shelton said. "But I'm privileged to be here at this time in history."



STEVE FAINARU/The Washington Post

Marine Maj. Frank Shelton, left, speaks with Iraqi troops. As a military adviser, he works and lives with Iraqi units. After a string of battlefield failures by the nascent Iraqi security forces, the U.S. military has committed as many as 10,000 advisers to work directly with Iraqi units in the coming months.

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## IN THE WORLD

## Yushchenko sworn in as Ukraine's president

BY NATASHA LISOVA  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Viktor Yushchenko was sworn in as president of Ukraine on Sunday and called his inauguration "a victory of freedom over tyranny," capping a dramatic rise to power on the back of two months of massive street protests sparked by fraud-plagued elections.

The pro-Western reformer Yushchenko declared that the former Soviet republic was "now in the center of Europe" and praised the crowds of supporters who kept up demonstrations for weeks in Kiev's central square demanding a fair vote.

"The heart of Ukraine was on Independence Square," Yushchenko told tens of thousands of people in the square. "Good people from all over the world, from far away countries, were looking at Independence Square, at us."

"This is a victory of freedom over tyranny. The victory of law over lawlessness," he said, standing in front of an orange banner erected on the Independence Monument's rotunda, a reference to the campaign color that led the winter's demonstrations to be called the "Orange Revolution."

Yushchenko took the oath of office in the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's parliament, placing his hand on a copy of the constitution and an antique Bible, his face still swollen and scarred with lesions from his disorienting poisoning in September — widely believed to have been a deliberate attempt to take him out of election contention.

Some deputies repeatedly shouted "Yu-schen-ko, Yu-schen-ko," an echo of the chanting that filled Kiev during the showdown with his Kremlin-backed rival. Others stood stoically, not applauding, a reflection of



Viktor Yushchenko kisses the constitution after taking the oath of office Sunday during his inauguration ceremony in the Verkhovna Rada parliament in Kiev, Ukraine.

the deep political tensions that Yushchenko will face as the country's third post-Soviet leader. Yushchenko was declared the

vote fraud. Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators poured into Kiev's streets to protest the results and demonstrations went on for weeks.

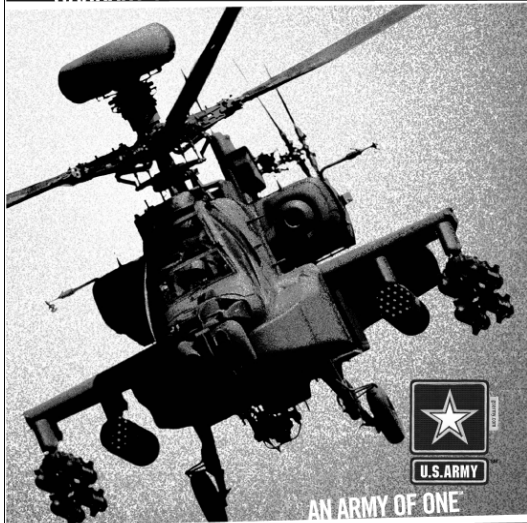
The Supreme Court annulled the election and Yushchenko won a Dec. 26 court-ordered rerun, beating Yanukovich by 8 percentage points. Yanukovich raised a series of legal challenges to the rerun, but they were rejected by the high court.

Yushchenko promised to turn the country around after years of corruption, poverty and oppression, and pledged to safeguard freedom of speech.

More than 40 countries were represented at the inauguration. The dignitaries included Secretary of State Colin Powell and NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer.

President Bush called Yushchenko on Saturday to congratulate him on his election and on "democracy's victory" in Ukraine. White House spokesman Brian Resenceny said in Washington.

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## Indonesia, Aceh rebels to discuss cease-fire

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Diplomatic efforts gained steam in easing separatist conflicts Sunday in Indonesia, battered by last month's tsunami that has focused international attention on a decades-long insurgency.

Finland's Crisis Management Initiative, headed by former President Martti Ahtisaari, confirmed that Indonesian government officials and Aceh rebel leaders would meet this week in Helsinki, but declined to provide more details "due to the delicate nature" of the negotiations. They will discuss a formal cease-fire in tsunami-ravaged Aceh province, where separatists have been fighting for an independent homeland for nearly 30 years.

Despite an informal truce an-

nounced by both sides since the disaster, there have been isolated reports of fighting, raising concerns about the security of relief operations in Aceh. On Sunday, the Indonesian military said it had killed 200 alleged rebels in the last four weeks.

Aceh had been previously closed to foreigners, but the influx of relief workers and journalists into the province since the disaster has for the first time drawn international attention to the conflict.

Another official involved in bringing the two sides together said the talks will probably be held Thursday, and could lay a framework for restarting the peace process that foundered 20 months ago. The source spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of disrupting the talks.

## Admiral defends aid cutback

The Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN — The admiral in charge of the massive U.S. relief operation in Indonesia's tsunami-devastated areas on Sunday dismissed fears the United States is leaving too soon and might create a vacuum in the aid effort.

The USS Abraham Lincoln's five-ship battle group arrived off Sumatra island within four days of the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami, and about a dozen SH-60 Seahawk helicopters have been rushing food, water and medicine to towns and villages along the battered coast every day since.

But many aid workers in Aceh province worry that last week's

announcement by the U.S. military that it would immediately start scaling back and handing over operations to other nations, the United Nations and aid groups was premature.

"The bottom line is: I don't share that same concern," Rear Adm. William Crowder said. "We're reaching a point where there's going to be a transition to sustain relief and not an acute emergency go-to-hell now relief that we saw in the first couple of weeks."

"The advantage we had early on was our mobility, to be able to deploy ourselves here in about four days. And now, other organizations are getting their assets here," he said.



# Iran: Strike by U.S. would be big 'strategic blunder'

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday a U.S. military strike against it would be a strategic blunder but brushed aside tough talk from Washington as psychological warfare rather than a real threat.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said top U.S. administration officials didn't find any friends around the world when they issued threats suggesting the United States may be considering military action against Iran.

President Bush said Jan. 17 his administration won't rule out the possibility of using military force against Iran over its controversial nuclear program and Vice President Dick Cheney said Thursday that Iran "is right at the top of the list" of world trouble spots.

Secretary of State-designate Condoleezza Rice made clear that American differences with Iran go well beyond its nuclear program.

"It's really hard to find common ground with a government that thinks Islam should be extinguished," she told senators.

Asefi considered such remarks a psychological war. Asefi told reporters Sunday. "We think the possibi-

ty (of a U.S. attack) is very low unless someone wants to commit a very big strategic blunder."

President Mohammad Khatami said Thursday Iran had plans to defend itself should the United States make any aggressive moves but added that the possibility of an attack "is very low" because Washington is preoccupied with Iraq.

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Seymour Hersh reported in The New Yorker magazine Jan. 17 that the Bush administration had been "conducting secret reconnaissance missions inside Iran at least since last summer" for the purpose of gathering intelligence and targeting information.

Defense Department officials said the article was filled with mistakes but did not deny its basic point.

Asefi refused to comment on reports that Iran has discovered spying devices from unidentified flying objects shot down by the Iranian military but denied U.S. commandos had penetrated Iran.

The European Union has taken a softer line toward Iran since Britain, France and Germany secured a commitment in December that Tehran would freeze its uranium enrichment program and entered talks on a permanent end to nuclear activities with bomb-making potential. They resumed trade talks with Iran this month.

**"We consider such remarks a psychological war."**

Hamid Reza Asefi  
Foreign Ministry spokesman

## Germany arrests 2 al-Qaida suspects

BY MATT SURMAN

The Associated Press

BERLIN — German police on Sunday arrested two suspected al-Qaida members believed to be planning a suicide attack in Iraq, federal prosecutors said. One of the men also allegedly tried to obtain uranium.

Police arrested Ibrahim Mohamed K., a 29-year-old Iraqi living in Mainz, on suspicion of recruiting suicide attackers in Germany and providing logistical help to the terrorist organization. He also is believed to have tried to obtain uranium in Luxembourg.

The other suspect, 31-year-old Palestinian Yasser Abu S., planned to carry out a suicide attack in federal prosecutor Kay Nehm told reporters in the western German city of Karlsruhe.

The Iraqi suspect trained multiple times in camps in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States and then spent a year in Afghanistan

fighting American forces after the attacks, prosecutors said.

During this time he had contact with high-ranking al-Qaida leaders, they said.

This convinced him not to seek the original aspiration of martyrdom as a suicide attacker, but rather to recruit suicide attackers in Europe, prosecutors said in a statement.

He recruited the Palestinian suspect in September for a suicide attack in Iraq, and purchased more than \$1 million in life insurance for him, with the aim of faking the man's death in a car accident in Egypt, prosecutors said. The majority of the insurance payoff was to fund al-Qaida activities, they said.

Prosecutors said they could provide no more details on the men's effort to get uranium, and declined to release the suspects' surnames according to usual German criminal procedures.

Authorities searched four homes in Mainz and Bonn as part of the raid, authorities said.

Germany has cracked down on suspected terrorist and extremist activity since the 2001 terror attacks on the United States, which were planned in part by a terrorist cell in Hamburg.

On Jan. 12, police took 22 suspects into custody during nationwide raids on a network of Muslim extremists that turned up militant Islamic propaganda and forged passports. In December, police arrested three suspected members of the Ansar al-Islam terror group who allegedly planned to attack Iraqi Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi during a visit to Berlin.

In October, authorities arrested Syrian-German businessman and suspected key al-Qaida financier Mamoun Darkazani on a European warrant. Spanish authorities accuse him of providing al-Qaida with logistical help, and the United States labeled his Hamburg-based trading company a front for terrorism.

### Missing American declared dead

VIENNA, Austria — A missing American snowboarder was declared dead Sunday, raising the death toll to at least four in weekend avalanches that claimed the lives of daredevils seeking the dangerous thrill of skiing off-trail in virgin alpine snow.

Officials called off their search for the 31-year-old American a day after the snowboarder was swept away by a huge avalanche in the western province of Tyrol. It was unclear whether authorities had managed to recover the victim's body. The snow slide that killed the snowboarder also killed two Canadians ages 40 and 57 at the popular resort of St. Anton.

The width of the avalanche was estimated as roughly equal to the length of three football fields laid end to end.

### Traffic barred from Italian cities

MILAN, Italy — Cars were banned in Milan, Verona and some other 130 cities and towns across northern Italy on Sunday to lower air-pollution levels.

In Milan, car traffic was banned for the second Sunday in a row.

People walked or used public transportation, which was increased. Others opted for bicycles or roller skates despite the cold weather.

Milan city officials have said they will decide whether to enact the one-day bans on a week-by-week basis, depending on pollution levels.

The ban in Italy's financial capital started at 8 a.m. and was scheduled to last for 12 hours.

Other cities adopting similar measures included Mestre, Verona and Treviso in the northeastern part of the country.

From The Associated Press



Palestinian police pause at a checkpoint as a man waves a Palestinian flag in the northern Gaza Strip town of Beit Lahia on Sunday.

## Israel willing to put operations on hold

BY LARA SUKHITAN

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military is willing to suspend operations against Palestinian militants if they call off attacks, Israeli leaders said Sunday, signaling a shift in position that could help pave the way toward a cease-fire after more than four years of fighting.

The announcement by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his defense minister, Shaul Mofaz, came as Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said he was closing in on a truce deal with Islamic militants and called on Israel to respond positively to a truce.

Abbas has been in Gaza since last Tuesday pressuring militant groups to halt their attacks on Is-

raeli targets. Abbas hopes a truce will lead to the resumption of peace talks.

"We can say that there has been significant progress in the talks. Our differences have diminished, and therefore we are bound to reach an agreement very soon," Abbas told Palestinian television.

He said it is "essential" that Israel end attacks against the militants and called on Israel to free many of the thousands of Palestinian prisoners it is holding.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said a claim by Israel's defense minister that a month-long truce had been agreed was premature. He said Abbas, scheduled return to his West Bank headquarters on Sunday, would remain in Gaza for an extra day to work on a deal.



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## IN THE STATES

## Carson, king of late night, dies

BY LYNN ELBER  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" host who served America a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter, drill comedy and heartland charm for 30 years, died Sunday. He was 79.

"Mr. Carson passed away peacefully early Sunday morning," his nephew, Jeff Sozine, told The Associated Press. "He was surrounded by his family, whose loss will be immeasurable."

He did not provide further details, but NBC said Carson died of emphysema at his Malibu home. The boyish-looking Nebraska native with the disarming grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night show throne, was a star who managed never to distance himself from his audience.

"Heweeeee's Johnny!" was the booming announcement from sickle Ed McMahon that ushered Carson out to the stage. Then the formula: the topical monologue, the guests, the broadly played skits such as "Carnac

the Magnificent."

But America never tired of him; Carson went out on top when he retired in May 1992.

McMahon said Sunday that Carson was "like a brother to me."

"Our 34 years of working together, plus the 12 years since then, created a friendship which was professional, family-like and one of respect and great admiration," McMahon said in a statement.

"When we ended our run on 'The Tonight Show' and my professional life continued, whenever a big career decision needed to be made, I always got the OK from the boss."

Carson's personal life could not match the perfection of his career. Carson was married four times, divorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident.

Nearly all of Carson's professional life was spent in television, from his postwar start at Nebraska stations in the late 1940s to his three decades with NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny

Carson."

Carson chose to let "Tonight" stand as his career zenith and his finale, withdrawing into a quiet retirement that suited his private nature and refusing involvement in other show business projects.

In 1993, he explained his absence from the limelight.

"I have an ego like anybody else," Carson told The Washington Post, "but I don't need to be shocked by going before the public all the time."

Carson spent his retirement years sailing, traveling and socializing with a few close friends including a media mogul Barry Diller and NBC executive Bob Wright. He simply refused to be wooed back on stage.

Born in Corning, Iowa, and raised in nearby Norfolk, Neb., Carson started his show business career at age 14 as the magician "The Great Carson."

After World War II service in the Navy, he took a series of jobs in local radio and TV in Nebraska before starting at KNXT-TV in Los Angeles in 1950.

From there on, he worked in



Entertainer Bette Midler caresses talk show host Johnny Carson on May 21, 1992, during his next-to-last taping of "The Tonight Show" in Burbank, Calif. Carson died Sunday according to his nephew. He was 79.

sketch comedy, on quiz and variety shows and had a few acting roles. In 1958, Carson sat in for "Tonight Show" host Paar. When Paar left the show four years later, Carson was NBC's choice as his replacement.

Carson won a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1992.

with the first President Bush saying, "With decency and style he's made America laugh and think." In 1993, he was celebrated by the prestigious Kennedy Center Honors for career achievement.

His nephew said there will be no memorial service.

AP writer Jeff Wilson contributed to this report.

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## Blizzard conditions bog down portions of Northeast, Midwest

BY KAREN MATTHEWS

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Travel was slowed to a crawl at best across wide areas of the Northeast on Sunday as a huge snowstorm whipped up blizzard conditions with wind gusting to 60 mph, making highways treacherous, canceling hundreds of airline flights and slowing trains.

Massachusetts reported 2 feet of snow, with amounts of at least 20 inches in New York's Catskills and 18 inches in coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island. The National Weather Service said as much as 3 feet was possible in eastern Massachusetts. The weather system had earlier piled a foot of snow on parts of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and northern Ohio.

The stiff wind caused drifts up to 6 feet high in Massachusetts,

along with poor visibility and scattered power outages. The weather service posted blizzard warnings into the afternoon in parts of New England, eastern New York state and northern New Jersey.

Rhode Island highway crews were "having a difficult time keeping up with the snow. They're starting to lose the battle," State Police Lt. Steve Lefebvre said Sunday.

Three deaths were linked to the weather in Ohio and two were blamed on the storm in Wisconsin. Airports and their thousands of weekend travelers were hit hard by the blowing snow as hundreds of flights had to be canceled.

Boston's Logan International closed Sunday morning because of whiteout conditions, and snowplow crews were called back indoors at 3 a.m. Massport spokesman Phil Orlandella said there

was no estimate when Logan would reopen.

Nearly 500 flights were canceled Sunday morning at the New York metropolitan area's Newark, Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, in addition to about 700 that were grounded Saturday. Port Authority officials said. A cargo plane slid off a runway at Kennedy on Saturday, and two airplanes slid off taxiways Saturday in Pittsburgh. No injuries were reported.

Philadelphia's airport was shut down for several hours Saturday while crews worked to clear runways. Airport employees distributed pillows, blankets, disposable diapers and water to about 800 passengers who had to spend the night, said spokesman Mark Pesce said.

Nearly 600 flights were canceled Saturday at Chicago's O'Hare International.

## Marches mark Roe v. Wade anniversary

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Activists on both sides of the abortion issue marched in demonstrations across the country to mark the 32nd anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

The anniversary came amid speculation that retirements on the Supreme Court could alter its makeup and its long-standing defense of the Roe v. Wade decision during President Bush's second term.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist is 80 and suffering from thyroid cancer.

In San Francisco, thousands of abortion opponents marched on the city's waterfront Saturday, chanting slogans like "Women deserve better," while abortion rights supporters tried to drown them out with their own cries.

Condoms were tossed at the anti-abortion marchers, and people waved coat hangers in a reference to the days of back-alley abortions.

San Francisco Supervisor Tom

Amiano said he thought it was ironic that anti-abortion activists chose the liberal West Coast city as the site for their demonstration.

Some abortion opponents hoisted crosses over their heads or held pictures of Jesus. They said they were prepared for a confrontation.

Police said two people were arrested for assaulting officers, though no injuries were reported.

Elsewhere, abortion opponents marched on state capitols in Colorado, South Carolina and Texas.



## OPINION

## Bush's 'fire is lighted, but it could burn us

Many say that George W. Bush is the political heir to Ronald Reagan. But as his inaugural speech Thursday showed, Bush owes more to a distant presidential predecessor, John F. Kennedy.

James Pinkerton



Reagan, in his 1985 re-inaugural, rambled through a historical anecdote about "a Boston lawyer named Adams and a Virginia planter named Jefferson" before he plunged into his main focus: economics.

The Gipper rightly took credit for "25 straight months of economic growth" and pledged more pro-growth tax-cutting: "We must simplify our tax system, make it more fair, and bring the rates down for all who work and earn." It was not until the 30th paragraph of a 42-paragraph speech that Reagan turned his attention to foreign policy.

By contrast, Bush never mentioned taxes, nor did he touch upon many items in his domestic agenda. His immediate focus was foreign policy, and he got right to the point—and to the punch. Referring to the years between the fall of communism and Sept. 11 as "years of repose, years of sabbatical," he was taking a poke at the two presidents of the '90s, in effect accusing Bill Clinton and his son father, George H.W. Bush, of being on vacation as dire threats loomed.

But, of course, Bush sees himself as more

than just a mere counterterrorist. We are led to "one conclusion," he declared: "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." The Gipper, on the other hand, had ventured only a few such rhetorical flourishes. So the truest oratorical antecedent for the 43rd president is, in fact, the 35th president.

In his 1961 inaugural, Kennedy charged right into foreign policy, mixing global politics, military force and religion into a potent rhetorical brew: "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe—the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God." Then came JFK's famous open-ended commitment to freedom around the world: "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." His speech was devoid of any domestic political content whatsoever. And so the course of his presidency was set: In his brief term Kennedy confronted the Soviets in Europe, Fidel Castro in Cuba and, most poignantly, the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. Today, communism has mostly disappeared, but Bush has identified a new foe: "tyranny." The "I" word came up six times Thursday. "We will periodically clarify the choice before every ruler and every nation," he vowed, adding that "leaders of governments with long habits of corruption" should know that U.S. policy will be, at least imper-



ity, in favor of regime change.

But even more than Kennedy, Bush sees his freedom crusade as being powered by faith. He cited "the truths of Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, the words of the Koran." Polls show that confidence in the Iraq war is slipping, but Bush has the bully pulpit, as well as the muscle to push events in a direction "set by liberty and the Author of Liberty."

In particular, Bush asked young people to "make the choice to serve in a cause larger

than your wants, larger than yourself." Quote-meisters, of course, will compare this summons to JFK's ringing "ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." This much is clear: Like Kennedy before him, Bush aims to set American might in motion around the world. "By our efforts," he proclaimed, "we have lit a fire... a fire in the minds of men." Those fires will surely burn—although perh-

aps in ways we can't yet imagine.

James Pinkerton is a Newsday columnist.

## Critics cut corners when chiding environmentalists

By TONY JUNIPER

The devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean shocked the world. No one could fail to be moved by the horrific pictures and harrowing stories that emerged from the region as the scale of the tragedy unfolded.

But, in the days that followed, another story started to emerge. Unscrupulous environmentalists, it seemed, were outrageously exploiting the tragedy by claiming it was caused by climate change. A provocative story, save one major flaw: It wasn't true.

Shortly before Christmas, and therefore before the tsunami struck, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Greenpeace UK were asked by a British newspaper, the Independent, to comment on a re-insurance company's findings that there had been a dramatic increase in insurance claims in 2004, resulting from hurricanes, floods, droughts and other weather events linked to global warming.

Stephen Tindale, executive director of Greenpeace UK, commented, "No one can ignore the relentless increase in extreme weather events and so-called natural disasters, which in reality are no more natural than a plastic Christmas tree."

My remarks included, "Here again we are consistent with climate change predictions."

Our comments appeared a few days later (shortly after the tsunami struck), but to anyone who read the article, it should have been clear that neither organization linked climate change to the disaster.

But The Wall Street Journal saw things differently. Using our quotes out of context, its Dec. 28 editorial thundered, "In the world of environmental zealotry, even an event such as this is seen as an opportunity to press the agenda. Thus, the source of the South Asian tsunami is being located in global warming."

Conservative commentators were quick to

join in and vent their righteous indignation. The facts don't always get in the way of a good story, and there was an opportunity to get on their high horses, lay into environmentalists and pour scorn on concerns about global warming. Presumably not having read the original article, and certainly not bothering to contact us to check the facts, they swiftly began their attacks.

"Global Warming Claims Wrong in Wake of Tsunami" shouted a Cato Institute press release, which was subsequently withdrawn. Steven Millon, in a syndicated column by the Washington Times, Fox News online and others, accused us of "shamelessly trying to 'exploit last week's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe in hopes of advancing their global warming and anti-development agendas.'"

The American Enterprise Institute's James K. Gleason, in a column ("No one should want to idea that SUVs are to blame," Jan. 12, Stars and Stripes), called us

"unscrupulous activists" for whom "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation."

And Dr. Pat Michaels attacked the "environmental experts" who have "moral audacity" of linking climate change to the tsunami.

"Unfortunately it is another 'Predictable Distortion' of global warming, similar to dozens documented in my recent book," he said.

But it wasn't just conservative columnists who were quick to condemn.

The Chicago Tribune told its readers, "This is worse than a hoax. It's an insult to the victims and the survivors of the tsunami and to the millions of compassionate people trying to bring relief and figure out how to prevent a similar disaster."

The Boston Herald said, "We wondered if some environmental zealot would try to blame the catastrophe on global warming. Our fears have been realized in Britain."

Neither Friends of the Earth nor Greenpeace has ever claimed that earthquakes can be caused by climate change or made

any such link. Our "comments," which have been taken completely out of context, were made before the tsunami struck and related to a separate issue.

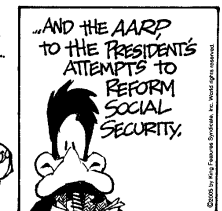
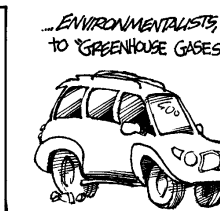
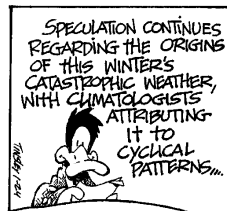
But not one journalist or commentator contacted us to see if we had in fact linked the tsunami to global warming before writing their attacks. But then it suits certain groups to discredit those who want to see action on global warming.

Climate change is a genuine threat to people and the environment, a fact that credible scientists agree on, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which says "greenhouse gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities, causing surface temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise."

It's time the world woke up to the threat of climate change. Discrediting genuine concerns about global warming or shooting the messenger might make a good story, but it won't make the problem go away.

Tony Juniper is director of Friends of the Earth in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

## Mallard Fillmore



By BRUCE TINSLEY

# Bush's speech not pelude to aggression, father says

BY JIM VANDEHEI

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush's call for an end to tyranny worldwide should not be interpreted by foreign governments and the American people as a prelude to a more aggressive and warlike foreign policy in the second term, the president's father told reporters Saturday.

"People want to read a lot into it — that this means new aggression or newly asserted military forces," former President George H.W. Bush said. "That's not what that [inaugural] speech is about. It's about freedom."

After George W. Bush's second inaugural address, in which he promised to defend those who seek freedom everywhere, there has been confusion overseas and in the United States over whether he was signaling a shift in foreign policy. Some inter-

preted the speech as pressuring a more confrontational relationship with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and other nations that are allies in the war on terrorism but also have records of abusing human rights.

White House officials said in interviews Friday that Bush was not signaling a shift in policy, but rather seeking to clarify what administration officials call the "Bush doctrine of liberty" that the president feels should guide policy well after he leaves the White House.

White House officials said the president plans to detail the policies that will flow from the inaugural address in the upcoming State of the Union speech.

In his weekly radio address, Bush returned to the issues that he has signaled will dominate his second term: Iraq, the war on terrorism and restructuring Social Security. "We will strive to keep the world's most dangerous weapons out of the hands of terrorists and tyrants," he said.

## Ex-Marine held in death of Wal-Mart worker

The Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — Shoppers placed flower bouquets and teddy bears on a table inside a Wal-Mart store where a 19-year-old employee was abducted last week and later found dead.

Police, meanwhile, tried to piece together what happened between the time a surveillance camera captured Megan Leann Holden's abduction late Wednesday and the discovery of her body Friday in a ditch about 380 miles away.

Authorities said Holden was

shot to death by a man who went on a multistate crime spree before turning up Friday at an Arizona hospital with a gunshot wound. The suspect, Johnny Lee Williams, 24, and a former Marine, was jailed in Arizona on \$1 million bond on an aggravated kidnapping charge from Texas, authorities said.

Don Martin, a Tyler police spokesman, said Williams requested an attorney and was not talking to authorities. He is expected to have an extradition hearing within a few days.

An autopsy was performed on Holden's body Saturday, but officials would not release details until next week.

At the Wal-Mart, shoppers paused Saturday to look at dozens of flower arrangements left in Holden's memory.

Wal-Mart declined to discuss security measures or how it monitors surveillance tapes, company spokeswoman Andrea Rader said Saturday.

The surveillance tape showed a man police identified as Williams standing outside the store for

about two hours before Holden was abducted.

Tapes show Williams walking into the store a couple of times and standing outside talking, chatting at times with some customers, police said.

Williams followed two women at different times, but as other people approached, walked back to the entrance before following Holden to her pickup truck in a parking lot beside the store, police said.

"I think he was just looking for an opportunity to get a vehicle, and I don't know if a woman was part of that or not," Martin said.

Williams was discharged last year after four years as a Marine.

The suspect's aunt, Linda Williams, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that her nephew seemed angrier and not as talkative since he returned from Iraq.

"All you can do is sit here and wonder, you know, what happened," she told the newspaper.

I guess he just snapped. I don't know. He's been asking for help ever since he came home from the military."



Artists Christo, left, and Jeanne-Claude walk between foundations for their art project "The Gates, Central Park, New York, 1979-2005" as they enter the park on Jan. 7.

## Husband-and-wife artists watch as 'The Gates' takes shape in N.Y.

BY ELIZABETH LESSURE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It is a vision artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude have shared since 1979: thousands of yellow-gold fabric panels suspended above miles of footpaths in Central Park, hung from specially designed "gates" to create meandering passageways with billowing, almost floating ceilings.

Now, more than two decades after they first began planning the controversial project, the husband-and-wife collaborators are finally watching "The Gates, Central Park, New York, 1979-2005" takes shape. The completed artwork, which will be on display for 16 days starting Feb. 12, will allow visitors to walk through 7,500 16-foot-tall, fabric-draped gates lining 23 miles of the park's pathways.

Held in place by 15,000 steel bases, the gates will be installed at 12-foot intervals, allowing alterations for low branches. The project will feature 5,290 tons of steel, 60 miles of vinyl tubing and more than 1 million square feet of fabric — all to be recycled when the piece is dismantled.

The artists' Web site says that people who walk through the gates will experience "a golden ceiling creating warm shadows."

"When seen from the buildings surrounding Central Park, The Gates will seem like a golden river appearing and disappearing through the bare branches of the trees and will highlight the shape of the footpaths," the Web site says.

The installation, Jeanne-Claude said, was "only a work of art, of joy and beauty" without any message or agenda.

"The Gates" is the first New York City piece for the artists, whose large-scale works of art in public spaces around the world have been both exalted and maligned.

Their temporary, outdoor pieces on a monumental scale have no equivalent, according to

Anne Strauss, who curated an exhibit about Christo and Jeanne-Claude at the Metropolitan Museum of Art last year.

"They really occupy a unique position in contemporary art," Strauss said.

Both 69, the artists share a birthday: June 13, 1935. He was born Christo Javacheff in Gabrovo, Bulgaria; Jeanne-Claude Denat de Guillebon was born to French parents in Casablanca, Morocco. The couple met in Paris in 1958 and have a 44-year-old son.

Christo and Jeanne-Claude consider "Dockside Packages, Cologne Harbor, 1961" — a grouping of oil barrels covered with tarpaulins — their first collaboration. They are known for "wrapping" large structures — such as the German Reichstag (parliament building), in 1995.

They have been envisioning art for New York since 1964, when they set up a permanent home in SoHo. The idea for "The Gates" was conceived in 1979, and the artists presented their proposal to city officials and community boards in 1980.

They were met with a lot of skepticism. According to the 2002 authorized biography "Christo and Jeanne-Claude," by Burt Chernow, one detractor called the project "an example of cultural imperialism" and another called it "a mustache on the Mona Lisa."

The Parks Department formally rejected the proposal in 1981, and the artists continued with work elsewhere. The project's chances dramatically improved when Michael Bloomberg, who once sat on the board of the Central Park Conservancy and supported the project, was elected mayor in 2001.

The Central Park Conservancy, a private organization that manages the park, approved the project in December 2003, and city officials gave it the green light.

The artists, who do not accept grants or donations, are bearing the entire cost themselves.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Dollar costs	\$1,312
British pound	\$1,312
Japanese yen (Jan. 24)	100.00
South Korean won (Jan. 24)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	\$1,312
British pound	\$1,312
Canada (Dollar)	1.211
Denmark (Krone)	6.559
Euro (Euro)	1.312
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.981
Hungary (Forint)	100.00
Iceland (Krona)	63.46
Israel (Shekel)	4.376
Japan (Yen)	102.67
Korea (Won)	1,011.00
Norway (Krone)	6.319
Philippines (Peso)	63.46
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	1.312
Singapore (Dollar)	1.312
South Korea (Won)	1,011.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.146
Thailand (Baht)	36.61
Turkey (New Lira)	40.64

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. All other commercial rates are based on the purchasing power parity in Germany. One check with the bank is for 100 dollars. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is expressed in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$426.70
Silver	\$6.797

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.25
Discount rate	3.25
3-month market rate	3.25
3-month bill	3.25
30-year bond	6.25

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America

## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Signs of debt stress

The Associated Press

No one likes debt or the financial scramble to pay it off. But many of us don't realize the secondary costs of this burden, from stress to family discord.

The Atlanta-based Consumer Credit Counseling Service notes a few indirect issues related to debt.

For example, your productivity at work can plummet if you're distracted by debt pressures. If you find yourself pondering personal finances at work, debt stress has invaded your job.

■ Are you and loved ones fighting about money quite often?

■ Are you unable to focus on making major life decisions on their own terms, because of debt?

■ Would you like to switch jobs or careers, go back to school, sell your house for a larger one or move to a different city — and you're not doing any of these because of debt?

The agency suggests that answering yes to any of these may be a sign that you have debt that needs addressing.





## Animal cruelty

**NM** ROSWELL — A roadside traffic stop led to the discovery of more than 60 sick and hungry cats in the back of a moving van driven by a 71-year-old woman. Mary Jane Lyle pleaded not guilty to multiple counts of animal cruelty at a court appearance. She was being held in a Chaves County detention center.

If she is prosecuted, the charges carry possible prison time. An officer pulled over the van because one of its tailights was out. While the officer was talking to Lyle, he heard noises coming from the back.

The cats were turned over to local animal control officers.

## Mom gives son crack

**MO** KANSAS CITY — A mother has been arrested on charges that she gave crack to her 4-year-old son to "calm him down."

Michelle R. Shelton, 32, of Kansas City, was arrested on a child endangerment charge.

Police said the boy did not suffer any obvious injuries from taking the highly addictive drug. He remains in state custody.

## Do as I say, not as I do

**MT** HELENA — The new direction of the state Transportation Department owned a concrete company when it was charged with nearly 1,000 violations of overweight truck laws enforced by the same agency he now heads, according to court records.

Jim Lynch's company paid \$63,550 in fines in 1991, but he said the state was making an example out of Pack & Co. Inc. at a time when it was common practice among concrete and paving companies to operate overloaded trucks.

Lynch, who took office Jan. 3 but still faces Senate confirmation, said the case does not affect his ability to be transportation chief.

Gov. Brian Schweitzer said he was aware of the charges filed against Lynch's business, and that he talked with Lynch about the matter before nominating him. The violations did not give him pause about choosing Lynch, he said.

No date for Lynch's confirmation hearing has been set.

## New city parking fees

**VT** RUTLAND — There's nothing like a \$63 parking fee to get people to look elsewhere for a space to leave their vehicles.

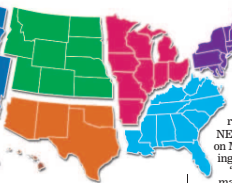
That's what city officials have discovered since beginning to charge for parking in a 600-space public garage that formerly had been free.

Some motorists have sought out city lots with cheaper fees, while others have tried to sneak in for free at privately-owned parking areas.

The four-story parking deck on West Street hasn't exactly gone unused: More than 400 people have long-term passes to the deck and 30 to 40 other motorists are paying on a daily basis to park there, state officials said.

## Giant squid wash ashore

**CA** NEWPORT BEACH — Hundreds of giant squid are washing up on Orange County



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beaches, creating a scene more akin to "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" than "The O.C."

The bug-eyed sea creatures, believed to be Humboldt squid, normally reside in deep water and come to the surface only at night. Why approximately 500 of them began washing up on the sands of Laguna Beach and Newport Beach isn't clear.

Authorities said the squid — the biggest weighing 17 pounds — might have been pursuing bait fish and gotten too close to shore, or the tides might simply have carried them in.

Authorities plan to remove the squid and will give at least a couple to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History for research.

## Good deed rewarded

**NC** CONCORD — Edwin Workman and Todd Little will be treated like VIPs at NASCAR's Nextel All-Star Challenge.

The men, both sanitation workers, returned \$1,800 bills folded in a money clip in the pocket of a shirt tossed in the garbage Dec. 31. The cash was more than two months' combined take-home pay for the two men.

"We were raised right and we immediately knew what the right thing to do was and that was to return the money back to the proper



## Lifesavers at work

**Firefighters battle a blaze in Clinton Township, Pa. The fire burned out of control for more than two hours and five people were left homeless but no one was injured, according to Montgomery Borough police.**

owner as soon as possible," Little said.

Humpty Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway, was so impressed with the men's honesty he decided to reward them. Wheeler arranged for VIP tickets to NEXTEL All-Star Challenge on May 21, with reserved parking and a pre-race pit tour.

"NASCAR is a working man's sport and you guys are honest, hard-working people," Wheeler told them.

## Homework lawsuit

**WI** MILWAUKEE — A student whose vacation plans were spoiled has sued to end summer homework in Wisconsin, claiming it creates an unfair workload and unnecessary stress.

Peer Larson, 17, had lined up a dream camp counselor job last June, but honors pre-calculus homework turned his summer into a headache.

"It didn't completely ruin my summer, but it did give me a lot of undue stress both at home and at school," the high junior said. "I just didn't have the energy or the time for it."

Larson and his father sued in Milwaukee County Circuit Court seeking the end of summer homework across the state. They argue that homework shouldn't be required after the required 180-day school year is over.

School administrators have told the family that honors courses require some summer work.

Whitnall School Superintendent Karen Petric said the district did its best to address the Larson's concerns.

## Desegregation case

**AZ** TUCSON — The Tucson Unified School District asked a federal judge to declare that the district is now integrated. That would close a decades-old desegregation case. The district has been working under a 1978 settlement, changing attendance boundaries and creating more magnet schools to comply with federal law.

## Surgery souvenir

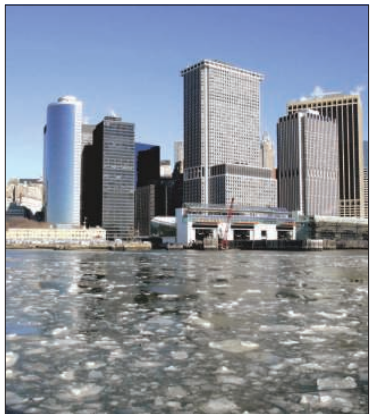
**PA** DANVILLE — A woman is suing a doctor who operated on her, accusing him of leaving a 4-inch metal instrument inside her uterus.

In her lawsuit, Lori Klinger, 35, said she experienced severe pain after Dr. Samuel Owusu performed a diagnostic laparoscopy on her in November 2002 to check for endometriosis, a condition where some of the uterus lining is found outside the uterus.

She said when she called Owusu later complaining of pain, he said it was normal and told her to take pain medication.

Two days later, she went to the bathroom and an instrument emerged from her vagina, the lawsuit said. Klinger said it was sharp on one end with a rubber bulb on the other.

This mistake happens at least once a year at hospitals that perform 8,000 to 18,000 surgeries a year, despite the regular use of checklists to account for instruments used during operations, said Ramona Conner of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses.



## Big, Frozen Apple

**Ice floats in New York Harbor with the skyline of lower Manhattan as a backdrop. The city was bracing for what was expected to be the area's biggest snowfall so far this winter.**



## Getting their kicks

**Members of the Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Blizzard peewee soccer team work out during an evening practice beneath the setting sun in Harker Heights, Texas.**



## Where's breakfast?

**Donkeys stand in a snow-covered barnyard near Radford, Va., waiting for their morning helping of hay. Southwest Virginia received its first significant snow of the season last week.**



**Big air** Surfer Jesse Columbo of Santa Cruz, Calif., gets nice air while surfing in Monterey Bay.



**Flush likes luxury** Amanda Schnoor of Chowchilla, Calif., leads her Maine Angus crossbred named Flush into the stately Brown Palace Hotel in downtown Denver for display at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo.



**Slick sledding** Christoph Roerer and his 2-year-old son, Henri, enjoy the snow in Maymont Park in Richmond, Va.



**Don't worry — it's not real** Aaron Wild, 20, of Honeoye, N.Y., transformed a snow bank pile on the front yard of his girlfriend's house in Bloomfield, N.Y., into a giant turtle. He is seen here coloring the body of the turtle. Wild said the project took him about 20 hours over several days to complete.

## Peeping Tom crackdown

**VT** MONTPELIER — A Senate committee is working on a bill that would make it illegal to lurk outside and look into people's homes.

The bill would also make it illegal to photograph a person naked or partially clothed without permission in a place where the person should expect privacy, including homes, locker rooms and restrooms.

The committee debated whether that should exempt store security cameras or private detectives.

Some of the details of the bill drew concerns from the American Civil Liberties Union. Executive Director Allen Gilbert said he's worried about people being entrapped by the law since it can be a fine line between walking by someone's house versus peering in imprudently. Gilbert told the committee with some modifications he's close to being able to accept the bill.

## Social promotion debate

**FL** TAMPA — Bolstered by statistics showing students who are held back benefit from remedial education, the Florida Board of Education decided to ask lawmakers to end "social promotion" at all grade levels.

Board officials said it would be an important step in ensuring students are prepared when they are promoted to the next grade. However, details of how the state would handle the tens of thousands of children who wouldn't advance have not yet been worked out.

Right now, only third-graders in Florida have to show they read at the appropriate skill levels before they are promoted to the fourth grade. Those who are held back can attend summer reading camps or repeat the third grade.

The issue is a touchy one for parents, who often fight having their children held back.

## Sheep take over mowing

**AR** DUTCH MILLS — It's not as cold in northwest Arkansas as it is in Iceland, but a flock of Icelandic sheep doesn't seem to mind.

Dennis and Marilyn Miles say their Icelandic flock in southwest Washington County is the only one in the state.

"We had some friends here a year ago in October," said Marilyn Miles. "Dennis told them how much time he spent mowing. Our friends said we ought to get some sheep."

The Miles did some research and were intrigued by what they found out about the breed from Iceland, the island nation in the North Atlantic Ocean. The breed is 1,100 years old, and Dennis Miles describes them as "maintenance-free."

The sheep cost about \$700 to \$1,000 a head, she said.

## Mother Goose gear gone

**SC** ROCK HILL — Police want this tale of a stolen Mother Goose costume to end happily ever after.

Jane Hayes said someone stole her Mother Goose outfit after shattering a rear window in her minivan.

Hayes has worn the costume for the past 20 years, teaching at schools and during community

events.

"It's not like you could wear it out and about. You'd get spotted in a minute," said Hayes, who is an environmental educator for Rock Hill's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department.

The thief also made off with \$300 in gift certificates.

## Jackalope getting its due

**WY** CHEYENNE — The meadowlark, bison and horned toad are all official symbols of Wyoming. The jackalope, most elusive of the state's critters, may soon join the list.

The Wyoming House voted 45-12 to declare the part-antelope, part-jackrabbit as the state's official mythical creature. The legislation now goes to the state Senate.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Dave Edwards, hopes his measure as a boon to retail sales of stuffed jackalopes.

"It's highly possible it will certainly boost the tourism industry, which has a lot of gift shops and sells all kinds of different jackalopes," he said.

Taxidermist Doug Herrick is credited with creating the first jackalope in 1939 by screwing antelope horns to a mounted jackrabbit.

## Critical graffiti

**NY** NEW YORK — Say it, don't spray it.

Police arrested a man who allegedly found a messy way to complain about restaurants where he believed he had received poor service or been served bad food: graffiti.

Miguel Camacho, 29, was arrested after eluding police for six months, police said. He was suspected in more than 60 spray-painting incidents.

Camacho scrawled his trademark tag, "VAMP," on the outside of restaurants where he had negative experiences, said Lt. Thomas Conforti of the NYPD's 112th Precinct.

His targets included a pizzeria in Queens that Camacho said served bad pizza, and a Chinese take-out restaurant in Rego Park where he believed he had been overcharged, police said.

## New schools opening

**IL** CHICAGO — Ten new high schools and eight new elementary schools will open this fall, public school officials said.

Seven of the 18 will be charter schools. It's part of Mayor Richard M. Daley's plan to ease overcrowding and improve underperforming schools in the nation's third-largest school district.

## State: Move billboard

**WA** ARLINGTON — The state Transportation Department has told the Stillaguamish Tribe to move a casino billboard from Interstate 5.

Officials say the sign directing traffic to its Angel of the Winds Casino is too close to the exit, about a mile ahead.

Tribal officials declined to comment. The tribe has nominated the casino land, currently zoned for agricultural use, for federal trust status.

Stories and photos from wire services



## AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005

AFN-FAMILY	AFN-MOVIE	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00 Stanley	Movie "Cloned" (1997, Science Fiction) Elizabeth Perkins, Alan Rosenberg	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	The Bethany Boys	College Basketball North Carolina State at Maryland. (Taped)	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30 Sagwa-Siamese Cat			Headline News	Fox News Watch		Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News
10:00 Arthur (E)			ESPNews	Bulls and Bears		Designers Challenge	ESPNews
10:30 Reading Rainbow (E)	(43) Movie *** "Notting Hill" (1999, Romance) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant. A book-seller and a movie star have an unlikely romance.	(9-46) Oprah Winfrey	Advisory Block	Cavuto on Business		Fashion Emergency	AFN Evening News
11:00 Sagwa-Siamese Cat		(35) Guiding Light	60 Minutes	Fox and Friends	College Gamenight	Life Is Great-Brooke Burke	60 Minutes
11:30 Stanley		(17) General Hospital			SportsCenter	The King of Queens	
12:00 Dora the Explorer (E)		Headline News	Without a Trace "Moving On"	Detective NBC		That '70s Show	Without a Trace "Moving On"
12:30 The Wiggles "Tigger"		Judge Judy				Girlfriends	
13:00 Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Never Talk to Strangers" (1995) Rebecca De Mornay, Antonio Banderas	Today LeAnn Rimes	24 Day 3: 10:00AM - 11:00AM	Fox and Friends	NFL Football NFL Championship - Atlanta Falcons at Philadelphia Eagles. (Taped)	Cherished "Animal Pragmatism"	24 Day 3: 10:00AM - 11:00AM
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)			Pacific Report	Fox and Friends		Ally McBeal "A Kick in the Pants"	Pacific Report
14:00 Blue's Clues "Blue's School"			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	American Morning		Any Day Now "Our Best Scammy Cat"	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
14:30 Barney & Friends Video (E)	(44) Movie *** "U.S. Marshall" (1998, Suspense) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes. Sam Gerard gets caught up in another fugitive case.	ChalkZone (E)	Life Show With David Letterman	CNN Live Today		Third Watch "82 Bullets and a Broken Heart"	Life Show With David Letterman
15:00 Funniest Home Videos		Mucha Lucha			NFL Primetime	Law & Order "Loco Parents"	Access Hollywood
16:00 Pokemon		Kim Possible (E)	Access Hollywood		SportsCenter	The Simpsons	Headline News
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! "Freeze Play"	Access Hollywood	Jeopardy!	Headline News	FOX News		NFL Football AFC Championship - New England Patriots at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Taped)	Dennis Miller
17:00 Doug (E)		Headline News	The Late Late Show	FOX News		Law & Order "Star Crossed"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann
17:30 The Wild Thornberries	Entertainment Tonight	AFN Evening News	60 Minutes	Detective NBC		American Hot Rod "32 H-Bi Roadster 3"	The Hot List
18:00 The Fairly OddParents		60 Minutes	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	FOX News		Friends	Headline News
18:30 Rugrats		Without a Trace "Moving On"	Entertainment Studios.com			Seinfeld "The Brit"	Good Morning America
19:00 Lizzie McGuire	Movie *** "The Score" (2001, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon Brando. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist.	24 Day 3: 10:00AM - 11:00AM	The Hot List	Studio B With Shepard Smith		Seinfeld "The Puffy Shirt"	Headline News
19:30 Fama "Kissin' Keanu Best"			Headline News	Your World With Neil Cavuto	1st & 10	Blind Date	
20:00 Smallville "Empire"			Good Morning America	Lester Holt Live	NFL Primetime		
21:00 Boy Meets World	(18) Movie *** "Cruel Intentions" (1999) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Reynolds	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	The Tonight Show-Letterman		Around the Horn		
21:30 Boy Meets World					Pardon the Interruption		
22:00 Home Improvement	Movie *** "Serpico" (1973, Drama) Al Pacino						
23:00 Touched by an Angel "The Medium and the Message"							

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005

00:00 Aah! Real Monsters	(1130) Movie *** "Serpico" (1973, Drama) Al Pacino, Tony Roberts	Life Show-Letterman	Play With Me Sesame	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Play With Me Sesame
00:30 Rocker Post		Access Hollywood	Bear in the Big Blue House	NBC Nightly News		The Dead Zone "Collision"	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:00 Bob's Burgers SquarePants		NFL Live (E)	Connie the Cow	NBC Nightly News Tonight	College Basketball Syracuse at Rutgers. (Live)	Wheel of Fortune	Connie the Cow
1:30 Rugrats	(17) Movie *** "Airplane!" (1980, Comedy) Robert Hays, Julie Hagerty, Robert Stack.	Women's College Basketball Duke at North Carolina. (Live)	Wheel of Fortune	CBS Evening News	Law & Order "Star Crossed"	Wheel of Fortune	
2:00 Lizzie McGuire		Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	The View		Phil	
2:30 Fama "Kissin' Keanu Best"		Headline News	Oprah Winfrey	Hannity & Colmes	College Basketball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. (Live)	American Hot Rod "32 H-Bi Roadster 3"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00 Smallville "Empire"	Movie *** "The Score" (2001, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon Brando. A veteran safecracker is lured into a final heist.	ESPNNews	NBC Nightly News	Headline News	Friends	Seinfeld "The Brit"	NBC Nightly News
3:30 Boy Meets World		Headline News	Access Hollywood	Nightly Business Report	SportsCenter	Breathin' Space Yoga	Access Hollywood
4:00 Boy Meets World	(18) Movie *** "Cruel Intentions" (1999) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Reynolds	ESPNNews	(25) Guiding Light	Larry King Live	College Basketball Colorado State at San Diego State. (Taped)	Caribbean Workout	(25) Guiding Light
4:30 Sesame Street (E)		Headline News	(13) General Hospital	NewsNight With Aaron Brown		Body Shaping	(13) General Hospital
5:00 Barney & Friends (E)	Access Hollywood	Play With Me Sesame	Larry King Live	BET Nightly News		Typical Mary Ellen	The View
5:30 Funniest Home Videos		Bear in the Big Blue House	All Grown Up	Tavis Smiley	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)	The View	I Spy
6:00 Barney & Friends (E)		Connie the Cow	Teen Kids News (E)	Army Newsweek		Emeril Live	All Grown Up
6:30 Dragon Tales (E)	Entertainment Tonight	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Harbold with Chris Matthews		30-Minute Meals	Teen Kids News (E)
7:00 Bob the Builder	Movie "A Family of Strangers" (1993, Drama) Melissa Gilbert. A woman awaiting surgery learns that she was adopted.	Dr. Phil	Headline News	The O'Reilly Factor	NFL Live	Sweet Dreams	Headline News
8:00 The Wiggles "Imagination"		(9-46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNNews		SportsCenter	Best for Less	ESPNNews
8:30 Dora the Explorer		(35) Guiding Light	Smileville "Legacy"			Stripped	Pacific Report
9:00 Stanley	(1048) Movie *** "Conan" (1999, Western) Sam Elliott, Lou Lomax. A cowboy and a little widow.	(17) General Hospital	Movie *** "A Beautiful Mind" (2001) Russell Crowe, Ed Harris. A brilliant mathematician battles schizophrenia.	FOX News	Women's College Basketball Duke at North Carolina. (Taped)	Seinfeld "The Puffy Shirt"	Smileville "Legacy"
9:30 Sagwa-Siamese Cat		Judge Judy	Today The Oscar nominations, starting advice.	Fox and Friends		Ally McBeal "The New Day"	(15) Pacific Report
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11:30 Stanley						Law & Order "Collision"	The Late Late Show
12:00 Dora the Explorer						The Simpsons	Dennis Miller
12:30 The Wiggles "Play"						Everybody Loves Raymond	Star Trek: Enterprise "Pioneering Forward"
13:00 Bob the Builder						Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Entertainment Studios.com
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)						CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Forever"	The Hot List
14:00 Blue's Clues (E)						American Experience: A Brilliant Madness: The Story	Headline News
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)						Friends "The Lip Reader"	Good Morning America
15:00 Funniest Home Videos						Daily Show-John Stewart	
15:30 Full House						Blind Date	
16:00 Pokemon							
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18:30 Rugrats							
19:00 The Pro Family							
19:30 The Amanda Show							
20:00 Everwood "Episode 20"							
21:00 Sister, Sister (Part 2 of 2)							
21:30 Sister, Sister							
22:00 The Cosby Show							
22:30 Home Improvement							
23:00 Touched by an Angel "My Brother's Keeper"							

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Newlyweds Melania Knauss and Donald Trump

## Trump marries for third time

BY JILL BARTON  
The Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The bride's gown was worth more than most American homes. Her diamond-studded ring cost more than many yachts. But the groom's hair? Self-styled.

Donald Trump married Slovenian model Melania Knauss Saturday with all the glamour, glitz and gold that money and star power can buy.

Knauss walked down the aisle to "Ave Maria" and guests broke into applause when the real estate mogul-turned reality TV star kissed the bride.

The couple slipped into Trump's Mercedes-Benz Maybach parked near a side entrance after the 30-minute ceremony and drove past hundreds of cheering spectators with the help of a police escort. In it, it was beautiful. It was all just lovely," singer Tony Bennett said.

Another guest, Kathy Hilton, the mother of hotel heiress Paris Hilton, said "it was very romantic. Everything was just beautiful. She looked like a princess. They exuded confidence."

And when Donald kissed the bride? "It was very romantic, and it was a long one," Hilton said.

The setting for the quiet reception was Trump's newly unveiled \$42 million Versailles-inspired ballroom at his Mar-a-Lago estate and club in Palm Beach, complete with 24-karat gold moldings, custom-made crystal chandeliers and marble floors covering 11,000 square feet.

About 400 people lined the street outside the church Saturday afternoon for a glimpse of a celebrity — or even the bride. Cheers erupted as the limousines began dropping off guests and a few yelled, "It's George!" when Trump business and legal adviser George Ross arrived.

The guest list offered a mix of European royalty, Hollywood celebrity and Palm Beach money, including "The Apprentice" producer Mark Burnett. Other guests included television personalities Barbara Walters, Star Jones, Matt Lauer, Kelly Ripa, Regis Philbin and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

The nuptials marked the third trip down the aisle for Trump, 58, and came just days after the start of the third season of his TV show.

Guests were also to include New York Gov. George Pataki, singer Billy Joel, and possibly royalty. Prince Charles and Prince Albert of Monaco reportedly received invitations.

About 400 guests RSVP'd to attend, said Pat Saylor, Mar-a-Lago's catering and special events director. The wedding took place two miles away at a classic, garden-studded stone church, the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, next to the Breakers resort golf course.

But what's typically among the biggest surprises for the guests and groom — the wedding gown — had already been seen.

Knauss, 34, posed for a traditional pre-wedding portrait in the gown and her \$1.5 million engagement ring and untraditionally shared it with the world on the cover of *Vogue* magazine. The Christian Dior original, which reportedly cost \$200,000, had 300 feet of satin and a 13-foot train that took 550 hours to embroider.

It weighed 50 pounds — so much that the bride planned to slip into a lighter Vera Wang dress after the couple's first dance.

# Who doesn't love you, Ving?

## Critics, for starters: They don't see him as Kojak

BY LISA DE MORAES  
The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — TV critics drove Ving Rhames to tears recently, after which they pounced on a maternal Bravo network suit who tried to protect Ben Affleck from suffering the same fate.

Rhames was here at Winter Television Press Tour 2005 to promote his remake of the cop series "Kojak" on USA Network, now owned by NBC Universal.

Some of the critics didn't seem real happy about the "Kojak" remake, in which Rhames takes the role of Lt. Theo Kojak made famous by Telly Savalas.

In particular they seemed to have trouble getting their heads around the idea of an African American in a role that had been very Greek American in the original.

Early in the session, Rhames said he never watched "Kojak" while growing up in Harlem in the '70s. "Who wanted to see a white man arresting some black people... I saw that every day." That was perhaps not the most diplomatic way to address critics' quibbles, even though Rhames added that sometimes while learning his lines he feels Savalas' spirit.

"It seems like you're sort of banking on people only vaguely remembering" the original series, another critic complained to the panel, which included co-stars Chazz Palminteri and Roselyn Sanchez, executive producer Tom Thayer and USA Network chief Bonnie Hammer.

"What," the critic asked, "besides borrowing a few iconic ideas, do you do with a show like this?"

Thayer replied that "it's a whole new ballgame" that is "all about Ving Rhames" but that using the Kojak name "gets you in the door." Ouch.

"So why wouldn't you just start from scratch and come up with another name..." the critic asked testily.

"Because, hello, it's a pre-sold title, silly, and in this age of a couple hundred channels, any time you come up with some way to pre-sell a new series, you take it, and shouldn't you know that if you cover this industry?" is, of course, what someone on the panel should have replied.

But, alas, Thayer gave the "this is new, entirely new" thing another shot, while Hammer went with "from the network's point of view... we had an amazing character, who is a real kick-ass but with a heart," and Rhames said something about many actors having played James Bond.

This only fueled the flame.

"Kojak was a very ethnic character," one critic said. Another asked, "Does the two-hour pilot address the issue of how an African-American guy ended up with the name Theo Kojak?"

Rhames did a good job with that one: "My real first name, and I know I look like a nice Jewish guy, is Irving."

And still the critics wouldn't let go. Another wanted to know how the new show planned to handle the original series' famous catchphrase "Who loves you, baby?"

"Let me see — 'Who loves to get medieval on your [heinie]!'" Rhames answered.

"That was a serious question," the critic shot back.

"That was a serious answer," Rhames replied.

Rhames seemed to be doing great against this mostly hostile television press corps, but the quizzing took a toll. At the end of the Q&A session, one critic asked Rhames how often he thinks back to that night at the Golden Globe Awards in 1998 when he won best actor in a TV miniseries for "Don King: Only in America" and handed the trophy over to his competitor Jack Lemmon. Did he really let Lemmon keep the trophy, the critic wanted to know.

The big guy cracked. "I think God that He used me in that moment to really show what I think being an artist is about," Rhames said, his eyes beginning to tear up.

"So often I think this industry pushes almost a competition between actors, and that's why, for me, even though this is called 'Kojak,' this is to me, it's USA, it's NBC, it's Universal, it's Chazz Palminteri, it's Roselyn Sanchez... I think it takes a village to raise a good television show."

Rhames continued, his voice catching, tears slipping down his cheeks: "So for me, it's — and I mean no offense by this, but whether the name is Kojak or Lopez... what I'm trying to do as an artist and as a man and as part of my legacy on this planet is show how similar we are, how if I take any kid and raise him in the ghetto in Harlem and he goes out and kills someone or steals from someone... the system is set up so that kid is damn near born in a trap... I'm trying to get the world to see that there's really not that much difference between you and I. And my name really doesn't matter."

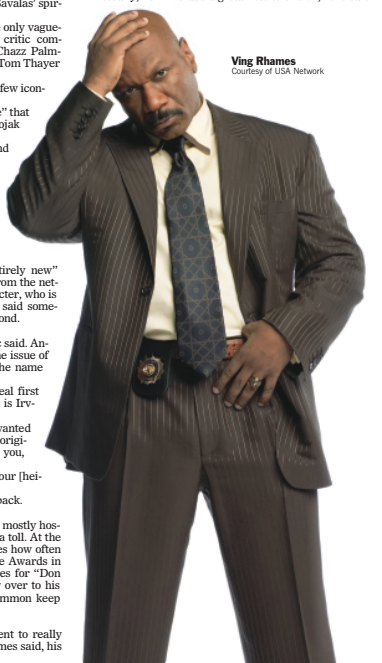
"Hopefully my heart and my spirit matters to you."

"We have time for one more question," Hammer said brightly from the stage as Rhames sat weeping and critics looked on uncomfortably.

"Actually, I think that's a great note to end on," she said.

Ving Rhames

Courtesy of USA Network



# Horoscope

When the moon enters Leo this afternoon, all the inventive energy of the Aquarian solar influence is given the impetus. The impending full moon adds the exhilarated buzz that comes from letting creativity sing through us. Creatively, like love, isn't something one needs to generate. Its energy is already present, and we need only be open to it!

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 24)

This year, you'll realize how truly loved you are. Family and friends shower you with attention, while guardian angels disguised as perfect strangers emerge to offer you assistance. Be sure you know what you want this spring. You'll purchase a luxury item in September. A romantic getaway beckons in July or October. Love signs are Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 34, 12, 13 and 44.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Prepare for a change of events in your social life. The sudden entrance or exit of a certain individual sets off a fortuitous chain of events, enabling you to pursue your dreams with energy and enthusiasm.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You feel as though you're a reality TV show — you're constantly "on" and don't seem to have as much privacy as you're accustomed to. Your existence is more glamorous than you think. Enjoy your skyrocketing ratings.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You are of two minds regarding an important career path. One road requires much action and waiting, the other immediate action. If you're really stuck, ask yourself, "What would follow Gemini Clint Eastwood do?"

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Small changes you make to your life, if practiced consistently, can tally huge benefits for you over time. Don't forget that every journey begins with a single step, and every step begins with a single thought.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Someone else's story is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, eBay, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely

to turn lead into gold. A fantastic find is yours for the asking.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. Try not to fret too much. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be worth the wait.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You're magnetic, effortlessly drawing people to you and widening your already large circle of friends. Embrace the new, more sociable you. A romantic partner is being very mysterious. Adopting a wait-and-see attitude is best.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

A message from a far-off friend may bring an invitation to travel and perhaps study abroad. Make your plans well in advance so you have time to save up. A change of scenery would be good.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Money's a little tight as bills from the holiday season roll in. Penny pinching is definitely not your style, but a little self-control serves you well. Do you really need to buy more books, or can you visit the library?

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have a calming effect on those around you, a trait that may prove valuable in the business world.

Just be sure your boss doesn't see you as irreplaceable, or you'll never convince him or her to give you that promotion.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Let your innate energy guide you into your future. Just because your dream sounds far-fetched, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

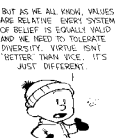
A project that encountered delays last month heats up once again. You've had plenty of time to plot and think — the time to act is now! Self-doubt's a major waste of time. Look for the strength of your convictions.

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## Holiday Mathis



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## Jump Start



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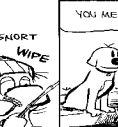
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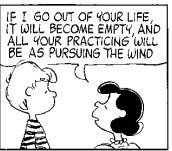
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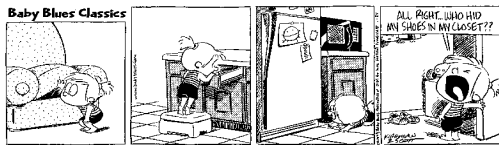
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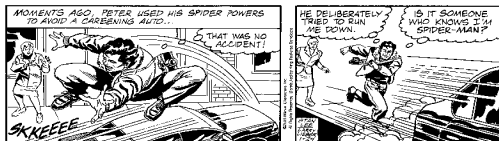
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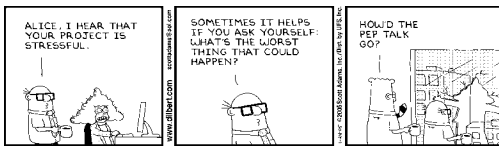
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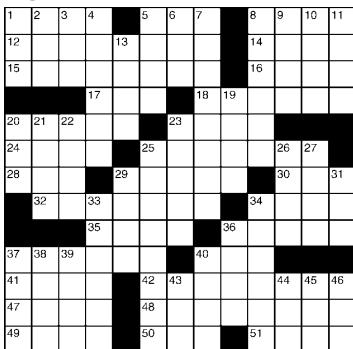
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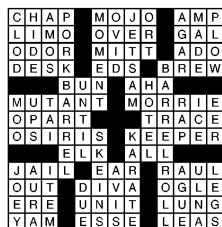
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- 8 — rush (forced dismissal)
- 12 Musical intro
- 14 Exam format
- 15 Admonitions
- 16 Appellation
- 17 Wapiti
- 18 Sent a wire
- 20 Tangle
- 23 Mexican money
- 24 Shetland, for one
- 25 Inner materials
- 28 Exist
- 29 Evans or Ellerbe
- 30 Rowboat aid
- 32 Storefront canopies
- 34 Long story
- 35 Biblical prophet
- 36 Sacred composition
- 37 Frolic
- 40 Have a bug
- 41 Medley
- 42 Salary
- 47 Grant's is famous
- 48 More of a mess
- 49 Palette selections
- 50 Wrong (Prof.)
- 51 Snead and Spade

## Down

- 1 Explanation, often
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Yon maiden
- 4 Cantankerous
- 5 Nonsense
- 6 Work unit
- 7 Drops
- 8 Chocolate treat
- 9 Caspian Sea feeder
- 10 Jerry Herman show
- 11 Coaster
- 13 Cash drawer
- 19 Largest of the seven
- 20 Collegian's stat
- 21 Asta's mistress
- 22 From square one
- 23 Engine knocks
- 25 Kitchen flooring, often
- 26 Capricorn
- 27 Wise one
- 29 From-night transport
- 31 Slitich
- 33 Business bigwigs
- 34 Cube, cone, sphere, et al.
- 36 Skirt length
- 37 Music subculture
- 38 Felipe of baseball
- 39 Marceau's specialty
- 40 Crafts' partner
- 43 Blackbird
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- 45 Idaho, the — State
- 46 Grads-to-be (Abbr.)

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## I-24 CRYPTOQUIP

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ONR "UFMRO" NSG "JFAAO."  
Saturday's Cryptquip: TWO LAUNDERERS  
WERE IN A HOT DEBATE, BUT THEY FINALLY  
IRONED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: O equals S

# Move to new town bothers mother

**Dear Abby:** I am a 26-year-old woman who has been married for a year and a half. After our wedding, my husband, "Wendell," and I moved 2½ hours away from my hometown. I have a job in the catering business and my husband is a successful attorney. I'm happier now than I have ever been.

The problem is my mother, who has never stopped making me feel guilty about moving. Recently, Mom has become mean and is offensive, saying maybe she should just forget about me rather than deal with the pain of my living so far away. She says she'd rather not see her future grandchildren at all if it's going to be only once or twice a month. Mother expects me to visit her whenever I have free time. She refuses to accept that I work full time and have responsibilities.

I have tried to reason with her, but her only response is that I should

move closer. I know she misses me, but I feel she is being unreasonable. I know of many other parents who have supported their children moving away. I'm afraid I'll lose my mother if I don't move closer. Can you give me some advice?

—Missing Mom

**Dear Abby**



**Dear Missing:** Please don't sacrifice a life in which you are happier than you have ever been in order to please your mother. That you were able to marry and leave the nest is proof that she was successful as a parent. In some families, the umbilical cord is never severed

it stays connected with chicken soup running in between — and it's not healthy for anyone.

**Dear Abby:** I was dating a man for nearly a year, and it was wonderful until things started to unravel. After we had dated for several months and things were

starting to get serious, he introduced me to his 7-year-old daughter, "Emma."

Emma and I took to each other immediately and became great friends. She would call me on the phone and ask to hang out with me and her dad.

Sadly, things with her father and me didn't work out, and I broke off the relationship. Now I'm struggling to explain to Emma why I'm no longer around. What is the best way to deal with this?

—Heartbroken in Virginia

**Dear Heartbroken:** The kindest thing would be to visit with Emma and explain to her that the relationship you had with her father wasn't meant to be. Tell her that you think she is terrific, and the breakup had nothing to do with her, so she won't be left with the impression that it's because of something she did. You'll be doing the child a favor.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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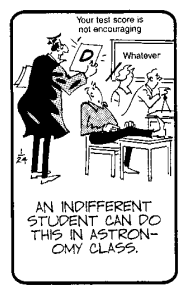
**Answer:**  UP

**Answer:** CRUSH EVOKE RABBIT PEOPLE

Saturday's Jumbles: When he bought the jalopy, he ended up with a — "HEAP" OF TROUBLE

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argilione



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Boyfriend hid cross-dressing side

**Dear Annie:** I am a middle-aged, divorced lady with two older sons at home. I am conservative and have a good job in a medium-sized town. I have been dating "Gregg," also divorced, for over a year, and everything is going great. He is responsible, kind, sensitive, and a wonderful, passionate man. We have been making tentative plans to marry, and we love each other very much.

Here's the catch. Once, I noticed Gregg wearing women's panties. He thought it was too dark for me to see him, but when he got undressed and went into the bathroom, I turned on the light and saw a nice pair of lace, nylon panties. I was shocked because Gregg is a macho guy.

When he came back in the room, I was holding the panties. He was embarrassed, but came clean and told me he has been a cross-dresser since childhood. He apologized for not telling me. I don't want to end our relationship, but I also don't want to see

him dressed as a woman. Gregg said that he dresses up once or twice a week for a few hours, that it relaxes him and is important for his mental health.

I am good-natured and think I could handle it if he does it when I'm not around. But I'm worried that my children or family will make a fuss if they find out. Please advise me, as I am in love with a wonderful man but very confused.

—Hoosier Panties in an Upnor

**Dear Hoosier:** You have a healthy, tolerant attitude, which bodes well for your future with Gregg. Understand that Gregg is not going to give up cross-dressing, but he should respect your request that he not do it in front of you or your family. However, it is still quite possible that someone will find out. Before making any commitments, please get more information on the subject. We recommend Tri-Ess ([tri-ess.org](http://tri-ess.org)), a support group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their partners.

**Dear Annie:** I am getting older, and while I have many friends, I have no family members. I have started giving away many of my things to people who will treasure them. However, when I die, I will need someone to clean out my closets and drawers and dispose of my basic possessions. I do not want my friends to deal with this. Are there people who handle this sort of thing?

—San Dimas, Calif.

**Dear San Dimas:** Yes. Talk to a lawyer and draw up your will so your wishes will be followed. Then appoint someone to be your executor. It can be a friend, or your lawyer, banker, etc. Let them know the situation, and ask them, when the time comes, to hire a service to clean your home and donate or liquidate your possessions.

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## Family Circus

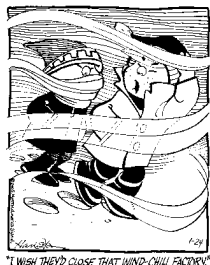


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"PJ can go outside now, Mommy. I've got him all bungled up."

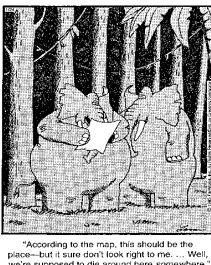


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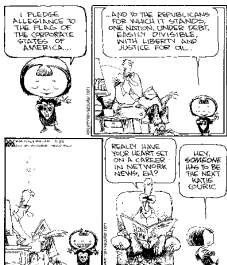


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# Williams lifts Wake past Cincinnati

BY JOE KAY

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Eric Williams knew it would come down to him.

Wake Forest's versatile center was two inches taller than anyone on Cincinnati's front line. With that advantage in mind, the Demon Deacons planned to spread out, get him the ball and let him score.

It only took a couple of shots for Williams to stop fretting.

The 6-foot-9 center scored a career-high 29 points, having his way with Cincinnati's front line, and No. 3 Wake Forest never trailed in a 74-70 victory Saturday over the 20th-ranked Bearcats.

"I felt nervous," Williams said. "I knew the kind of players we were playing against today. They play so hard. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself. I was telling myself I can't let the team down coming off a loss."

The Demon Deacons (16-2) rebounded from their overtime loss to Florida State by hitting their free throws down the stretch — something they didn't do against the Seminoles.

Taron Downey missed a free throw with 4 seconds left against

Florida State, ending Wake Forest's NCAA record at 50 consecutive wins with 2 seconds left on Saturday to clinch the win, and Wake Forest made its last seven overall.

"We needed a game like this," coach Skip Prosser said.

Tim Bearcats (15-3) had their biggest weaknesses exposed as they lost at home to a ranked team for the second time in eight days.

They also fell by three points against Louisville last Saturday.

Neither 6-foot-7 Jason Maxelli nor 6-foot-6 Eric Hicks — the power forwards who anchor Cincinnati's front line — could keep up with a taller player who shot over them once he got the ball.

"It was a gamble," Hicks said. "By the time I got around him, he had it and would dunk."

Chris Paul added 21 points for Wake Forest, which improved to 5-1 against ranked teams this season. Paul was 5-for-7 from behind the arc.

Hicks had 18 points, only two of them in the second half, to lead three Cincinnati players in double figures.

An intriguing matchup of one of the nation's top offenses against one of the toughest defenses turned on the Bearcats' inability to stop Williams. Wake Forest came in averaging 85.5 points per game and had scored 80 points in nine straight, its longest such streak since 10 in a row in 1976-77.

Cincinnati went after the Demon Deacons with a physical man-to-man defense that holds opponents to 38.8 percent shooting, fourth-best in the nation. It swarmed Williams but couldn't keep him from getting the ball or going 13-for-18 from the field.

"Eric was given the opportunity, and he played extremely well," Prosser said. "It's difficult to guard him with one rule when he gets the ball with both feet in the lane. During timeouts, the kids were saying, 'We've got to get it in there.' I said, 'Well, you're the guys who are out there.'"

Williams got the ball on four of the Demon Deacons' first five possessions. Cincinnati went to a half-court trap that was totally ineffective — Williams had a pair of dunks and Paul made an uncontested three-pointer that pushed it to 19-7.

"It seemed like he didn't miss,"

Cincinnati forward James White said of Williams. "We've got to do a better job of helping Eric and Max so he doesn't touch the ball."

Hicks had a three-point play and his second career three-pointer, cutting it to 26-25. Wake Forest stayed in front by going to Williams, who had 16 points in the first half, and Paul, who was 4-for-4 from behind the arc.

It was the same thing in the second half. Williams scored Wake Forest's first two baskets, setting the tone. Jamall Levy's putback with 12:37 left put the Demon Deacons up 58-47.

Cincinnati got a puppet jumper from Armein Kirkland and a fast-break layup by Chadd Moore that cut it to 54-61 with 5 minutes left. White's two free throws cut it to 70-68 with 47 seconds left, and Paul missed a driving jumper, giving Cincinnati one last chance.

Following a timeout with 21 seconds to go, Maxelli missed a turnaround baseline jumper. Levy got the rebound and made both free throws with 10.2 seconds left. Downey's two free throws then clinched it.

An hour before the tip-off, Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins sat down next to Prosser and shared



Wake Forest guard Chris Paul (33) drives past Cincinnati defender Armein Kirkland on Saturday.

a few laughs. Huggins and Prosser developed a friendship while Prosser coached Xavier from 1994 to 1997, taking the edge off a cross-town rivalry that had turned bitter.

Prosser got the better of Huggins in their annual cross-town games, winning four of seven. Overall, Prosser is 6-4 in their head-to-head games.

# Hokies earn first win over ranked team in 23 years

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Virginia Tech needed a little luck to win its first road game over a ranked opponent in 23 years.

It came in the final seconds.

Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad missed two free throws with 5.5 seconds left and the No. 12 Yellow Jackets missed two putback attempts as Virginia Tech survived a frantic final seconds for a 70-69 upset Saturday.

"We got lucky at the end of the game," Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg said. "Let's face it, any of those shots could have gone in."

Instead, the Yellow Jackets (11-5, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost their third straight while the Hokies (10-6, 3-2) celebrated a milestone win.

In addition to winning their first road conference game in their first season in the ACC, the Hokies took their first victory at a ranked team's home floor since Jan. 23, 1982, when they won at No. 17 Louisville. Also, Virginia Tech had a team ranked as high as No. 12 for the first time since defeating No. 2 Memphis on Feb. 1, 1986.

"This is a great conference-booster, playing the No. 12 team in the nation on our own court and beating them," said Virginia Tech's Carlos Dixon, who scored 21 points, including the decisive basket with 36 seconds left.

"This shows us we can compete in the ACC. It shows everybody in the nation we're no pushovers."

Following Muhammad's second missed free throw, Ra'Sean Dickey and Mario West each



missed putbacks for Georgia Tech after offensive rebounds.

Zabian Dowdell added 18 points for the Hokies.

Will Bynum matched his career high with 28 points for Georgia Tech (11-5, 2-3), which lost for the first time at home this season. Jarrett Jack added 15 points and Muhammad had 14.

Georgia Tech senior guard B.J. Elder, the team's second-leading scorer, missed his fifth straight game with a hamstring injury.

Elder practiced during the week but was not in uniform for the game.

"Let's face it, if Elder plays it's probably a different game," Greenberg said. "I can't imagine facing Elder, Jack and Bynum. Bynum was ridiculous."

**No. 4 Duke 88, Florida State 56:** J.J. Redick scored a season-high 31 points and visiting Duke defeated Florida State.

The Blue Devils (15-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) were never in trouble, jumping to an 18-8 lead and steadily building it to as many as 33 late in the game.

**No. 5 Oklahoma 52, Baylor 40:** Junior forward Coley Graham scored 24 points to help Oklahoma State rebound from its loss to Texas.

Freshman James On Curry added 14 points, including 10 in the first half, as the Cowboys (14-2, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) won the first game at the newly named Eddie Sutton Court.

**No. 6 North Carolina 87, Miami 67:** Sean May had 17 points and 11 rebounds and Jack McManuel each added 14 and North Carolina made the most of a rare home game.

Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants had 10 points apiece for the No. 6 Tar Heels (16-2, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who are in the middle of a stretch during which they play six of eight games on the road.

**No. 7 Syracuse 72, West Virginia 64:** Hakim Warrick had 22 points and 13 rebounds. Gerry McNamara scored 18 points and Billy Edelin added a season-high 12 to lead host Syracuse.

It was the 12th straight win for Syracuse (19-1, 6-0 Big East), which equaled the best start in school history.

**No. 8 Kentucky 89, LSU 58:** At Lexington, Ky., Patrick Sparks went 5-for-7 from three-point range and scored 15 points to lead the Wildcats.

Kelenna Azubuike added 16 points for Kentucky (14-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference), which made a season-high 11 three-pointers in 20 attempts to win for the 14th time in its last 15 meetings with LSU (9-6, 2-2).

**No. 11 Gonzaga 68, San Diego 56:** At San Diego, center J.P. Batista scored a career-high 22 points and Gonzaga opened the second half with a 16-0 run.

The Bulldogs (14-4, 4-2 West Coast Conference) got some help from the Toreros (10-8, 2-3), who shot just 10 percent in the second half and 30.6 percent overall.

**No. 13 Arizona 92, Oregon State 83:** Salim Stoudamire scored 25 points to help visiting Arizona overcome a 15-point first-half deficit.

Channing Frye had 20 points and seven rebounds for the Wildcats (16-3, 6-1), who rebounded the Beavers 36-22.

**No. 14 Louisville 85, Tennessee 62:** Francisco Garcia scored 20 points to lead host Louisville.

Garcia had seven points during a crucial 24-2 second-half run, and added had nine rebounds and four assists for the Cardinals (16-3), who have won 10 of 11.

**No. 17 Mississippi State 73, South Carolina 65:** At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead five Mississippi State scorers in double figures.

Marcus Campbell, Jamall Edmondson and Shane Power each had 11 points for Mississippi State (18-1, 4-2 Southeastern Conference).

**No. 18 Oklahoma 64, No. 15 Texas 60:** Kevin Bookout had 18 points and 13 rebounds, Lawrence McKenzie scored 15 and host Oklahoma (15-2, 4-0 Big 12) won its ninth straight.

The Sooners outscored the Longhorns, who were in their first game without leading scorer and rebounder P.J. Tucker, led academically ineligible earlier in the week.

**No. 19 Michigan State 69, Minnesota 55:** At Minneapolis, Alan Anderson scored 13 points — 11 from the foul line — as Michigan State made 26 of 28 foul shots to host off Minnesota.

Maurice Ager and Shannon Brown each added 12 points for the Spartans (12-3, 4-1 Big Ten).

**No. 22 Alabama 66, Mississippi 58:** Kennedy Wilson scored 26 points and Jermario Davidson had a game-high 13 rebounds for the visiting Crimson Tide.

Alabama (15-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) snapped a seven-game road losing streak at Mississippi (11-8, 2-4), last winning 59-46 in the 1996-97 season.

**No. 23 Iowa 71, Purdue 57:** At Iowa city, Iowa, Greg Brunner and Doug Thomas each scored 14 points to help Iowa bounce back from a loss to top-ranked Illinois.

After a sluggish start, the Hawkeyes (14-4, 2-3 Big Ten) built an 18-point halftime lead and were never threatened in the second half, easily rebounding from "Thunder" overtime loss against the Illini.

**No. 24 Wisconsin 72, Michigan 61:** Mike Wilkinson was 28 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help the host Badgers win for the eighth time in nine games.

The Badgers (13-3, 4-1 Big Ten) led by just five at halftime, but opened the second half with an 11-2 run.

**Charlotte 76, No. 25 Marquette 66:** At Milwaukee, Eddie Basden scored 23 points and Brandon Plavich added 20 for Charlotte.

Curtis Withers had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the 49ers (13-3, 4-1 Conference USA), who rebounded from a loss to Cincinnati on Wednesday that snapped the team's nine-game winning streak.

# Pitt's defense too much for No. 16 UConn

## Troutman helps lead No. 21 Panthers past their Big East rival

BY DONNA TOMMELLE

The Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Chevon Troutman and Pittsburgh's rugged defense were more than Connecticut could handle.

In a matchup of Big East heavyweights, the No. 21 Panthers rallied from 17 points down to upset the 16th-ranked Huskies 76-66 before a raucous UConn crowd.

Troutman scored 25 of his career-high 29 points in the second half and the Panther defense did the rest, holding UConn to 27 percent shooting in the final 20 minutes.

"We always dig ourselves a hole and we always come back," Troutman said. "We haven't been getting the big plays down the stretch and we've been taking plays off down the stretch. Tonight is a night when we didn't take a play off down the stretch."

Pitt and UConn had split six meetings over the last three seasons and played each other in the conference tournament five of the past three seasons. It was the first win for the Panthers on UConn's homecourt in five tries.

The snowstorm that pounded the Northeast had a little to do with UConn fans, season-ticket holders who did not make the game donated about 3,000 tickets to students who helped fill the 10,000-seat Gampel Pavilion. And the crowd let the



Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves, left, takes the ball past Connecticut's Rashad Anderson, right, during the first half in Storrs, Conn., on Saturday.

Panthers hear it from the opening tip.

But in the closing seconds they began quietly filling out in droves. Pitt guard Carl Krauser skipped over to the sidelines, grabbed his jersey and let the departing crowd know "We're not going to lose. We're the beast of the East."

Troutman was a beast in the second half.

The 6-foot-7 power forward scored 10 straight points midway through the second half and gave the Panthers (13-3, 3-2 Big East) their first lead at 55-54 with 8:14 left — and Pitt never gave it back.

"The guys did an unbelievable job getting it done," Pittsburgh coach Jamie Dixon said.

The Huskies (11-4, 3-2) had a nine-point lead at the half but watched it dissolve because of poor shooting and the Panthers' tough post defense.

UConn went nearly nine minutes in the second half without a field goal, while Troutman went on his 10-0 run, built largely on inside baskets.

"We've lost four games this year and far away and this was the most disappointing," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "We completely got taken out of our offense."

It was a matchup of two of the best rebounding teams in the nation. UConn led the nation in rebounding margin (15.6) and the Panthers (10.6) were fifth coming into the game. The Huskies lived up to their billing in the first half, dominating inside even without star center Josh Boone, who was in early foul trouble.

Connecticut used runs of 9-0 and 8-0 in the first half to build a 17-point lead late in the period. They played solid both inside and out, riding the perimeter play of Rashad Anderson, who was 4-for-6 from three-point range in the half. The Huskies led 43-32 at the half.

But the second half was all Pittsburgh. The Panthers outscored UConn 26-22 in the paint and came up with key blocks down the stretch. Troutman led Pittsburgh with 12 boards and had two of the Panthers' five blocks. Carl Krauser added 15 and Chris Taft had 10 for Pittsburgh.

Anderson led UConn with 19 points and Villaverde had 14 points and 10 boards.

"Troutman played a magnificent game," Calhoun said. "They did what we could not. They executed their offense, took their time, took the shots they wanted."

# Boston College hangs on to stay unbeaten

BY JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Boston College coach Al Skinner isn't getting caught up in his Eagles being one of three remaining unbeaten teams in Division I.

"We're just trying to have success in our league. That's what counts with us," Skinner said after No. 9 Boston College beat St. John's 79-73 on Saturday night. "The 11-0 non-league mark is already in the books and for that to pay dividends we have to continue what we're doing."

Jared Dudley scored 19 points to lead Boston College's balanced offense to a win that extended the best start in school history and left the Eagles (16-0, 5-0 Big East) third shy of the school-best winning streak set by the 1968-69 team. It was the ninth straight road win for Boston College, which is in its final season in the Big East before moving to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Top-ranked Illinois and No. 4 Duke are the other unbeaten as No. 1 Kansas lost earlier Saturday to Villanova.

Six of the seven last-year Boston College scored at least nine points. Jermaine Watson, one of the best sixth men in college basketball, had 16 points, six above his average.

Watson went 7-for-8 from the field, grabbed four rebounds and three of the Eagles' 12 assists.

"It was his kind of game, a little 1-on-1, a lot of up and down," Skinner said. "He took it as a chal-

lenge. Those are the kind of challenges he likes and he was obviously very effective."

Darryl Hill, the Big East's leading scorer with a 20.9 average, had 21 points for the Red Storm (7-8, 1-4), who fell to 2-2 against ranked teams this season. They were coming off a 65-62 victory over No. 21 Pittsburgh and also beat then-No. 17 North Carolina State.

Hill didn't start for the first time this season. First-year coach Norm Roberts sat him for the opening 3:34 for being 3 minutes late to a team meeting.

"I deserved it. I was late," the sophomore guard said. "I have to set a better example as a captain." With the crowd at Carnesecca Arena held to 2,314 because of the snowstorm blanketing the Northeast, St. John's jumped to an 11-2 lead. Boston College took the lead for good at 28-26 on a three-pointer by 7-foot-6 Nate Doornekamp with 4:43 left in the first half.

The Red Storm used some solid shooting to stay close but the Eagles used an 8-2 run to take a 53-46 lead with 12:57 to go.

Watson's layup with 8:03 left gave Boston College its first double-digit lead. Hill added 12 points and it got was 67-54 on two free throws from Sean Williams with 6:15 to go.

The Red Storm shot 54 percent in the first half but struggled to shoot 44 percent in the second against the Eagles' matchup zone.

"We got good shots, we didn't make them," Roberts said. "We



Boston College forward Jared Dudley is fouled by St. John's Lamont Hamilton during the second half Saturday. Boston College won 79-73.

struggled, obviously. We're not a good outside shooting team."

Louis Hinson added 12 points for Boston College, while Craig Smith and Sean Marshall each had 10 and Doornekamp had nine.

Freshman guard Eugene Lawrence had a career-high 18 points for the Red Storm and Lamont Hamilton had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"They rebounded well and beat

us to loose balls, especially early," Skinner said of the Red Storm, who are coming off a 6-21 season, the worst in school history. "We were able to get some turnovers that led to easy baskets."

Boston College was the first Top 10 team to play in Carnesecca Arena, which used to be called Alumni Hall, since No. 7 Louisville beat No. 9 St. John's there 76-71 on Feb. 3, 1980.

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Carlos Beltran, sitting at Shea Stadium, was impressed when Mets GM Omar Minaya visited him in Puerto Rico on a recruiting visit earlier this month.

AP

## Los Mets: Minaya's recruiting lands blue-chip free agents

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said last week from the Dominican.

Martinez's decision to sign a \$53 million, four-year contract with New York helped persuade Beltran to reach agreement on a \$119 million, seven-year deal.

After having dinner at the White House on Jan. 10, Minaya announced Beltran's deal at Shea Stadium the following day. Then he held a news conference on Jan. 12 with Beltran at the Mets' spring training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and another the next day in Puerto Rico.

"He's always looking for the well-being of Latinos and now he's with Tony Bernazard, who comes from the Players' Association," Beltran said. "I'm going to be very well taken care of."

"I've known Omar since I was 18. They came to Puerto Rico to meet with me, which other teams did not do," he said. "That showed me they really wanted me."

Minaya publicly thanked Beltran's wife, Jessica, after the negotiations, clearly understanding her importance in the process.

While Minaya plays down the language and cultural bond he shares with Martinez and Beltran, his strategy to pump up a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since 1994 seems to be working.

Delgado said the Latin influence in the Mets and Minaya's approach makes the team "a little more attractive."

"It's really the person, but the language helps," Minaya said. Martinez is doing his part in the recruiting effort.

"I explained to Carlos Delgado the plans the Mets have to become a championship team," Mar-

tinez said Wednesday. "I've also talked to Sammy Sosa, and he told me that it would be an honor to play with me in New York."

Sosa could be available in a trade at the right price.

New York has a large Hispanic population, one that should help the new regional sports network the Mets intend to start in 2006.

Stars attract fans, as the Yankees have shown.

"Diversity is good business," Minaya said.

A 14th-round selection of the Oakland Athletics in 1978, Minaya had a short playing career that included a brief stint in Italy. He then worked his way up from area scout to scouting director with the Rangers and in 1998 became the Mets' assistant general manager.

He was turned down half a dozen times for GM jobs before his breakthrough in 2002, when baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hired him to become GM of the Expos. Montreal, which had been purchased by the other 29 teams, had only a handful of employees left when Minaya took over.

His deals helped keep the Expos in contention into the second half of the season in 2002 and 2003, but by 2004, the second season in which baseball moved some of the Expos' home games to New Juan, there was little front-line talent left. Montreal faded on the field — and into history, too. The Expos became the Washington Nationals last month.

Minaya takes in stride the attention that comes from a high-profile job.

"It's a passing thing. I've been around long enough to know that what's hot today is forgotten tomorrow," he said.

# Lad seems to side with Sox in dispute over Series ball

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Doug Mientkiewicz, call a lawyer. You're going to need to keep the baseball you caught for the final out of the World Series.

The Red Sox first baseman is storing the ball that clinched Boston's first title since 1918 in a safe-deposit box near his Florida home. But the Red Sox want it back so they can show it off, and legal scholars say the team has a good case if it wants to fight Mientkiewicz in court.

"What appears to be emerging as a legal consensus is that the person with the least rights to it is Mientkiewicz himself," said Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh, who ranked the claims as: "the Cardinals, the Red Sox, Major League Baseball and then the guy who happened to hold it at the end of the game."

Baseball clubs don't routinely distribute game balls like football teams do, and the final out is most likely to wind up tossed to a fan unless one of the players reached a milestone that day. No one's spent much time discussing who actually owns the ball because, until now, it hasn't really mattered.

As the rise of the memorabilia market makes such items increasingly valuable, though, baseball is being forced to confront the issue of who owns the otherwise interchangeable pieces — the bases, the balls, the uniforms — that make the game go. On the same day the Red Sox clinched the Series, the ball Barry Bonds hit for his 700th career homer sold for \$804,129.

"What this has done is force the baseball teams and MLB to make some decisions about who gets the noncontractual value of a valuable trophy," said Paul Finkelman, a law professor at the University of Tulsa. "Does [Mientkiewicz] get a \$500,000 bonus because he's the last guy to hold it?"

Mientkiewicz happened upon his keepsake when St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria knocked him back to Red Sox pitcher Keith Foulke with two outs in the ninth inning of the fourth game of the World Series. Foulke made an underhand toss to first base, and Bonds' 700th homer was born.

Mientkiewicz also made the final out of the AL championship series victory over the New York Yankees and gave that ball to pitcher Derek Lowe. But the first baseman kept this one, and it was among the many items authenticated by Major League Baseball in the chaotic clubhouse afterward.

Mientkiewicz initially called the ball his "retirement fund," though he later backed off those comments and said he wants it for sentimental value. The problem is, so does the team that waited nine decades to even have a chance to talk about the last out of a World Series victory.

It's not Doug's ball. It belongs to all of us," said Roger Abrams, a Northeastern University law professor who has written several baseball books. "He is the trustee of the ball but it is owned by all of Red Sox Nation, and it should find a place of special importance, either at Fenway or Cooperstown."

Finkelman, who was an expert witness in the court fight over Bonds' 73rd home run ball, said the fact that Mientkiewicz was a midseason addition and a late-inning replacement makes his claim to the ball tenuous. If he had made a leaping catch to secure the victory, been a major contributor during the regular season or even a weathered franchise leon years, fans and courts might be more sympathetic.

"The notion that Mientkiewicz did anything is absurd. He didn't do anything," Finkelman said. "He caught an underhanded toss from a pitcher. This is what he's paid to do. He's not the World Series. It's simply coincidence that it ended at first base."

Of course, there was this little incident back in 1986.

Understand that there's some irony in that," Finkelman said when reminded of the routine grounder that went through Bill Buckner's legs. "Because not every first baseman in Boston does his job."

By comparison, Curt Schilling could make a legitimate claim to the sock he wore when he pitched in the Series. Although the sock was the team's, the blood was his.



AP

Red Sox first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz kept the ball from the final out of the 2004 World Series against the Cardinals. The Red Sox want it back.

"It's his blood that makes it valuable," Abrams said. "Mientkiewicz doesn't add any value that made it unique to him."

Soon after Bonds' 73rd homer cleared the fence at Fenway Park, it landed in the middle of a skirmish in the stands that spilled into the courts. In Popo v. Hayashi, California Superior Court Judge Kevin McCarthy considered the claim that Major League Baseball still owned the ball after the homer and "later gifted" to Mr. Hayashi.

"There is no evidence to support it," the judge wrote.

Instead, the ball belonged to Major League Baseball until it was hit, and as it flew out of the ballpark it became "intentionally abandoned property."

"The first person who came in possession of the ball became its new owner," McCarthy decided. Then they fought over what constituted possession, and winners probably belong to the company.

But that ball left the playing field, Mientkiewicz's was still part of the game when he gloved it. And he wasn't a fan who bought a ticket in the outfield arcade; he was a Red Sox employee in his workplace doing his job.

"Clearly teams have agreed that when the ball is hit out of the park, it's abandoned. But they have never said that when it's in the park it's abandoned," Finkelman said.

That makes Mientkiewicz like a research scientist who makes a lucrative discovery at work: He's sure to get an attestation from the boss, but the royalties and patents probably belong to the company.

"We know if he found the ball in the woods, it's his. But he didn't find the ball in the woods," Abrams said. "Does that mean any first baseman that catches any ball that arrives at first base owns the ball? Of course not."

Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said the team is negotiating for the ball through Mientkiewicz's agent. The logical and expected solution is for Mientkiewicz to own the ball and lend it to the Red Sox so they can display it.

Lucchino also said the team is working on a policy to avoid another fight over, say, the ball that clinched the first Red Sox World Series repeat since 1918.

Finkelman thinks Major League Baseball needs to clarify the rules for the whole industry.

"MLB should decide that the winning team should be able to dispose of the game ball," he said. "And, in general, when a player reaches a milestone, it's simply good sportsmanship" to give it to him.

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# Knicks likely to conduct star search for next coach

BY SAM SMITH  
Chicago Tribune

If Phil Jackson wants to return to where he began his professional basketball career as coach, he now can. If Pat Riley wants to return to where he enhanced his reputation as a coach after his run with the All-Star Los Angeles Lakers, he now can. If Larry Brown wants to return and coach in the city of his birth, he now can.

That's because New York Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens resigned Saturday, probably ending his Hall of Fame coaching career at 67.

Assistant Herb Williams will replace him for the rest of the season, but his resignation is likely to start the greatest coaching star search in NBA history.

"He said, 'I don't know if I can do this anymore,'" the team's president of basketball operations, Isiah Thomas, said in a phone interview Saturday. "We

talked after the [Friday night buzzer-beater loss] for a good hour. I went home and told my wife Lynn I was 99.9 percent sure he would resign.

"I was speaking to Chuck [Daly] the other night, and he said you just wake up one morning and that's it. He said he was on the bus in Orlando and looked around and said, 'What am I doing with all these kids? I'm 68.' That was it. I think it's probably where Lenny is at, where Hubie [Brown] was also."

Wilkens leaves with the most wins and losses in NBA history at 1,332-1,155. He was 40-42 with the Knicks, for whom he had a four-year contract with \$12 million remaining that is to be paid in full.

Thomas, though, is expected to wave big money at the biggest coaching names in the NBA with the lure of the New York market, if not a highly talented team.

There is speculation around

New York that Thomas will return to the sidelines to coach the team he is rebuilding if he cannot hire a big-name coach like Jackson, Riley or Larry Brown, who won the NBA title with Detroit last season. Others speculate Thomas eventually will coach, though only when the team improves after another coach, maybe George Karl, gets it to a higher level.

Thomas said he is not a candidate for the high-profile job, but after Larry Bird fired him as coach of the Indiana Pacers in 2003, Thomas said he had found his true basketball love: coaching. Thomas always has said he eventually would return to coaching, but not in New York.

He didn't say whether he was 99.9 percent certain.

"I was never going to fire him," Thomas said of Wilkens. "I know we've been talking about it the last week or two, and we did give thought to what we'd do if something did happen. You have

to remember where we came from (16-24 when Wilkens replaced Don Chaney last season). He got us into the playoffs. He got us in a mode where we were competitive. He put us on the right track. When I hired him that's exactly what I wanted. I thought it would take three years. He got us going and moving in the right direction.

"We'll be open this summer to see what coaches are out there," Thomas said. "If we like Herb, we'll keep him."

With Thomas and New York, it's anyone's guess.

Last week, when they weren't about Wilkens being fired, reports were about Jalen Rose and Donyell Marshall being traded to the Knicks.

Their names are just the latest in a flurry of rumors of big-name players such as Chris Webber and Vince Carter coming.

It all seems to distract the media and public from the fragile state of the team. It has had inju-

ries to starters Jamal Crawford and Ron Thomas.

But Wilkens drew criticism for a half-dozen losses by a point or two and for defensive issues on a team with the league's biggest payroll.

"This is a difficult decision to make at this time because I really wanted to help the New York team get back to being an elite team," Wilkens said in a prepared statement. "But after a lot of consideration, I feel it's the right time for me."

Wilkens was offered a front-office position, but friends said he would not accept. He and Thomas have had some difficult moments, especially after Thomas fired Wilkens' longtime friend and assistant Dick Helm earlier this season. Wilkens also has had an uneasy relationship with Stephen Marbury, who is the closest player on the team to Thomas.

The resignation is the first time Wilkens has not completed a season in his 32 years of coaching in the NBA.

## Supposed slackers Carter, McGrady guilty only of honesty

BY ISRAEL GUTIERREZ  
The Miami Herald

### Commentary

Go hard, or go to the NBA.

It may well be the new league slogan. With the recent admissions of players who say they could have done more, observers around the league are suddenly debating whether the NBA is laced with lackluster players, or whether there are only a handful of Vince Carters and Tracy McGradys in the league.

The truth is, when Carter and McGrady said in separate interviews that they could have done more in seasons past, their only fault was being brutally honest. Because they're certainly not alone.

It is virtually impossible for any player, much less the ultra-talented players who are relied upon so much, to give

all-out effort every minute of every game they play.

Put yourself in Carter's shoes for a moment. You enter the league with relatively little fanfare, only to recognize in the first few months that your athleticism is unmatched even in the NBA, and that your talent can carry you through any minor decline in effort. Now you're older, wiser and you recognize that maybe you could have tried a bit harder at times, so you admit it. That's not a crime. That's recognizing a previous mistake and learning from it.

"He's got so much talent," Dwyane Wade said of Carter. "I don't think that when he said he didn't give his all all the time that he meant he was joking. He probably just meant that he could

have played harder a lot of times, but with the talent that he had, he didn't need to do all the time."

"I think you can ask every player in the league, once the game is over you can look back if it's a loss or if something happened in one play, you feel like you could have done more. That's just players expecting a lot out of themselves. At the time you didn't do it, but later you felt like you could have done more. All of us feel that way."

That's Wade, a player whose effort couldn't possibly be questioned, agreeing with a player who was just condemned for saying basically the same thing.

And he's not alone.

Detroit's Rasheed Wallace said every player will have uninspired nights, and they recognize it as it's happening.

"There's going to be times like that, when people say it looked like we might not be going hard," Wallace said. "I don't know any-

one in this league who goes hard for 82 games, plus playoffs. There's going to be a couple of nights where you might just cruise through or you might have to tell the coach, 'I'm not much up to it tonight.' You have to give your body that rest."

But will anyone question Wallace's desire to win? Will anyone question Wade's desire to get every ounce out of his talent? They shouldn't.

McGrady has less of an argument, but still understandable. He told Sports Illustrated that he did "slack off" last season, when the Magic started the season 1-19 and finished with the league's worst record.

Giving up on your teammates, even in a lost campaign such as Orlando's last season, is unacceptable. But experiencing a season like that has McGrady motivated to never let it happen again, which benefits everyone (expect maybe for those bitter Orlando fans who no longer have



Vince Carter drew criticism for admitting that he at times didn't give maximum effort during his unhappy years with the Toronto Raptors before being traded to the New Jersey Nets in December.

McGrady on their team).

"When you are in a difficult season like that, it's tough," McGrady said.

"That would be tough on anybody. Anybody in that situation would kind of slack off at times. It's frustrating. If you really care

about the game, you have to be frustrated and sometimes the frustration takes over. That's what happened to me."

It's happened before, and it'll happen again. Today, tomorrow, next season and several more to follow. It's not an excuse, it's an unavoidable truth.



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady, right, told Sports Illustrated that he did "slack off" last season with the Orlando Magic, who lost 19 of their first 20 games and finished with the worst record in the NBA.

# Raich gains ground as Miller fails in slalom

The Associated Press

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Austria's Manfred Pranger cried on the podium after winning a slalom Sunday for his first World Cup victory while Benjamin Raich cut into Bode Miller's lead in the chase for the overall title.

Pranger covered the two runs in 1 minute, 31.51 seconds.

Countryman Mario Matt, the 2001 world slalom champion, was runner-up and Croatia's Ivica Kostelic prevented an Austrian sweep by finishing third.

Miller lost his balance and failed to join the top 30 for the second leg. He nearly swerved off course a few gates from the bottom and was forced to finish the gates

from the reverse direction, leaving him 2.11 off the pace.

"I was getting stuck a lot," Miller said. "The snow changes the whole way down. It's little parts of really grippy snow and little parts of icy snow."

It was the fifth slalom Miller has failed to finish this season.

The only one the American completed was the night race he won in Sestriere, Italy, in mid-December.

Miller's early exit allowed Raich to narrow the gap in the overall standings. The Austrian finished eighth and earned 32 points, leaving him 166 behind Miller. Miller, who leads with 1,048, earned 60 points in the last four races and Raich 192.

"I haven't been skiing enough slalom to feel super comfortable on that," Miller said. "But you see guys like Raich and Kalle Palander who ski a ton slalom and they're still having problems there."

The top U.S. skier was Ted Ligety in 12th place.

Pranger, known for his growls and grunts at the start of the race, became teary on the podium before 20,000 Austrians, including his blue-capped fan club, which recited a slow, solemn song in his honor.

"I was in the military six years ago and every Monday I would watch the Austrian flag being raised," he said. "And I'd always dreamed that maybe one day that would happen for me at a ski race."

Pranger was fourth last week and his previous top-three finish was second place in Flachau just more than a year ago. He had the fastest time in the opening leg of four previous slaloms, but each time was un-



Bode Miller has trouble clearing a gate during the first run of the World Cup slalom race. Miller failed to qualify for the second run.

able to keep his lead.

Raich, who rallied from 22nd place after the first leg, extended his lead in the slalom standings. He is 82 points ahead of Giorgio Rocca, who went out in the first run.

## Paerson wins at Maribor; Poutiainen wins slalom title

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Anja Paerson of Sweden won a slalom for the first time this season Sunday while rival Tanja Poutiainen of Finland was third to capture the overall slalom title.

Paerson recorded the 14th victory of her World Cup career, tearing down the slope on a sunny day to finish both runs in 1 minute 32.38 seconds, 0.28 ahead of Croatia's Janica Kostelic.

"This place is special for me," Paerson said. "It's been a frustrating year in slalom. It's good to come back in good shape for the upcoming world championships."

For the United States, Sarah Schleper was fourth to make a career best while Kristina Koznick was fifth and Lindsey Kildow 11th.

"I think the whole team is confident," said Kildow, who won a downhill at Lake Louise, Alberta, this season. "But the best thing is not to think about medals and concentrate on good skiing."

Poutiainen was third in 1:32.73, wrapping up the slalom title with 520 points entering the final race in Lenzerheide, Switzerland. Marlies Schild is second with 376, followed by Koznick at 355.

Paerson won the slalom and giant slalom events last year in Maribor during an out-

standing season in which she captured 11 races on the way to the overall title. But it's been a rough year for the Swede, who skidded out in three out of the seven slaloms so far this season. Her previous best slalom result this season was a second place at the opener Aspen.

Poutiainen has established herself as one of the favorites for the world championships, which start Jan. 30 in Italy in Santa Caterina. She has had a breakthrough year, having won four races and finished among the top three nine times.

"I'm even more relaxed now because no matter what happens, I've had a special season," the Finn said.

She built her lead in the overall standings and now has 902 points. Kostelic is at 879 and Paerson jumped to third with 856. Kildow is sixth with 691.

# Retired Lewis says he wants to fight Klitschko again

The Associated Press

LONDON — Almost a year after he retired, former world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis says he wants to get back into the ring in November to fight Vitali Klitschko, holder of the WBC title he relinquished.

Now the father of a baby daughter, Lewis told the tabloid Sunday Mirror he was tired of hearing Klitschko saying that the former champion was scared to fight him again.

The two men fought out a bloody contest in June 2003 when challenger Klitschko lost on bad cuts after dominating the championship for six rounds.

That was Lewis' last fight and he was booed out of the ring after a poor performance against the

Ukrainian, who demanded a rematch.

"I've had to listen to a lot of rubbish from Klitschko and he is starting to get on my nerves," said Lewis, who is now age 39 and has a 41-1-2 record.

"I'm making a comeback later this year. The money is up to [\$39.3 million], simply can't turn that much cash down. I'm going to start training seriously and I'm going back to England to start sorting this out," said Lewis, who lives in Jamaica's Montego Bay.

"I need the money just like everyone else and it's just too good to turn down."

## Mayweather stops Bruseses in eight rounds

MIAMI — Floyd Mayweather

## Sports briefs

Jr. took a step toward a tie in a third weight class by stopping Henry Bruseses with 55 seconds left in the eighth round Saturday night.

Mayweather, former WBC super featherweight and lightweight champion and pursuing a crown in the 140-pound class, was never in trouble as his quick combinations frustrated Bruseses in the scheduled 12-round bout at American Airlines Arena.

While Mayweather set the tone in the fight with his speed, he used an impressive power-punching display in the eighth to send Bruseses to the canvas with a

left-right combination to the head.

The Puerto Rican Bruseses (21-3-1, 13 KOs) got to his feet but Mayweather (33-0, 22 KOs) was ready with a left to the body, which set up an additional series of unanswered stops to the head.

Bruseses again fell to the canvas but again beat the 10-count.

However, Bruseses' trainer Evangelista Cotto stepped into the ring and instructed referee Jorge Alonso to stop the fight.

"I took my time and listened to my corner," Mayweather said. "I knew I would wear him down."

The 27-year-old Mayweather, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was effective early with a lead left jab. Bruseses also had no answers for Mayweather's quick rights and left hooks to the head.

## Jags' Taylor has knee surgery

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jaguars running back Fred Taylor had surgery to repair a partially torn ligament in his left knee.

His availability for the team's offseason program is in question, but Jacksonville expects its top offensive player to make a complete recovery before training camp.

Taylor sprained his medial collateral ligament Dec. 19 against Green Bay and missed the final two games of the season. Tests later revealed the tear, and Taylor had arthroscopic surgery in Miami on Thursday.

Despite sitting out the two games, Taylor finished seventh in the AFC with 1,224 yards rushing. He also caught 36 passes for 345 yards.

# Agassi trumps Johannsson's record 51 aces

## He'll face Federer next; Sharapova, Kuznetsova also to meet in quarters

BY JOHN PYE

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi overcame a record number of aces from Joachim Johannsson on Sunday and set up an Australian Open quarterfinal against defending champion and top-ranked Roger Federer.

Agassi, an eight-time Grand Slam winner and four-time champion in Melbourne, produced one of his great performances to defeat the 6-foot-6 Johannsson, who slammed 51 aces in their fourth-round match.

One of the best service returners in tennis, the 34-year-old Agassi endured Johannsson's barrage, breaking the Swede three times to win 6-7 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3), 6-4.

Agassi dropped his own serve twice, at the start of the first and fourth sets, and made only 13 unforced errors in the match — none in the first set.

"It was a tough day," said Agassi.

The 11th-seeded Johannsson was pushing the limits on almost every shot. He mixed 66 unforced errors with a remarkable 96 winners, including his aces and service winners.

The 22-year-old Johannsson surpassed Richard Krajicek's mark of 49 aces in a quarterfinal loss to Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the 1999 U.S. Open.

His final three aces came in his last service game.

"Joachim today was hitting the ball so big," Agassi said. "What can you do but sort of react?"

"I was anxious the whole time," he added. "I had to stay focused and disciplined, give myself a look and hope I can convert on the few chances I do get."

Johannsson didn't know of the record until after the match. He said he might be able to improve on it in future.

Federer, whose 11 titles in 2004 included three majors, extended his winning streak to 25 matches with a 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (4) defeat of Marcos Baghdatis.

Martín Safin, who lost to Federer in last year's final here, converted just one of his 18 break-point chances in a fiery 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2) win over Olivier Rochus that lasted 3 hours, 42 minutes.

Safin was given a court violation for spiking his racket into the court, twice for good measure, after wasting three opportunities to get back on serve in the fifth game of the third set.

After receiving the code violation from umpire Andreas Egli, he belted the broken racket three times to let off some steam.

"I had so many chances to break him and I couldn't and I was a little bit upset at that," said Safin, adding that he crunched the racket to let off some steam. "It was very important."

In the end, he closed with two aces, taking his total to 29 for the



Andre Agassi makes a backhand return to Joachim Johannsson during his fourth-round match in the Australian Open. Despite Johannsson's 51 aces, Agassi advanced to the quarterfinals against No. 1 Roger Federer.



match. He next faces Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty, who beat the other Swedish Johannsson in the draw — 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Federer has won 48 of his past 50 matches, and hasn't lost since the second round in the Athens Olympics last August.

Baghdatis broke Federer's serve once and stunned the 23-year-old Swiss star with some brilliant crosscourt forehands in the third set.

Federer, who beat Baghdatis in the last U.S. Open in the 19-year-old Cypriot's only other appearance in a major, fell behind 3-0 in the tiebreaker before reeling off five straight points.

"I enjoyed the battle for sure," said Federer. "After I've won, it's always good to battle it out and win it."

Two of Russia's three Grand Slam title holders are in the quarterfinals.

U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova pounded 29 winners to overcome one Russian — 6-4,



Maria Sharapova yells as she celebrates her fourth-round victory over Silvia Farina Elia in the Australian Open in the three sets.

6-2 over Vera Douchieva — and faces another in the quarterfinals.

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, seeded fourth, will face Kuznetsova next after coming back from a set and a break down to beat Italy's Silvia Farina Elia 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

The 17-year-old Sharapova ran off seven consecutive games and broke Farina Elia's last seven service games.

"I'm excited. I know it's going to be another tough match," Sharapova said of Kuznetsova. "I'm prepared. I'm just going to go out like I've been going out and playing my game, having fun, enjoying it and fighting to win."

Three of the seven Russian

women who made the fourth round already are out.

Seventh-seeded Serena Williams, who won here in 2003 but didn't return last year because of an injured knee, was clearly angry with herself as she dropped a set for the first time this tournament before recovering to beat No. 11 Nadia Petrova 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Second-ranked Amelie Mauresmo of France had a 6-2, 6-4 win over Evgenia Linskaya in a mistake-prone match with 11 service breaks.

Mauresmo raced to a 4-0 lead but needed a medical time out after dropping her serve for the first time and returned to court with her left thigh wrapped.

### Tennis scoreboard

#### Australian Open

Sunday

At Melbourne Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
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Surface Hard-Outdoor  
Staples Men

#### Fourth Round

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Marcos Baghdatis 6-0, 6-2, 7-6 (4).  
Dominik Hrbaty (20), Slovakia, def. Thomas Johansson (30), Sweden, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-4.  
Marat Safin (11), Sweden, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-4.  
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (11), Russia, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2).

#### Women

Svetlana Kuznetsova (5), Russia, def. Vera Douchieva, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.  
Amelie Mauresmo (2), France, def. Evgenia Linskaya, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.  
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Silvia Farina Elia (15), Italy, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.  
Serena Williams (7), United States, def. Nadia Petrova (11), Russia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

#### Men

Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett (5), Zimbabwe, def. Alex Calatrava and David Ferrer, Spain, 7-6 (2), 6-2.  
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, def. Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram (3), Israel, 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (8).  
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Alexander Waske, Germany, def. Lu Yen-hsun, Taiwan, and Takao Suzuki, Japan, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3).  
James Blake and Mardy Fish, United States, def. Karol Beck, Slovakia, and Sargis Sargsyan, Armenia, 6-3, 6-4.

Mehesh Bhupathi, India, and Todd Woodbridge (3), Australia, def. Albert Costa and Rafael Nadal, Spain, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.

#### Women

Anastasia Myskina and Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Li Ting and Sun Tian Tian (8), China, 6-1, 7-5.  
Jennifer Russell, United States, and Mara Santangelo, Italy, def. Elena Dementieva, Russia, and Ai Sugiyama (8), Japan, 6-4, 6-4.  
Lindsay Davenport, def. Corina Morariu (15), United States, def. Eva Birnencova, Czech Republic, and Andreea Vanc, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.

Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Martina Navratilova, def. Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, and Katarina Srebotnik (14), Slovenia, 6-4, 6-4.  
Svetlana Kuznetsova, Russia, and Alicia Molik (6), Australia, def. Milagros Sequera, Venezuela, and Meilen Tu, China, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

#### Mixed

Andy Ram, Israel, and Conchita Martinez, Spain, def. Sebastian Prieto and Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 5-7, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4).  
Rick Leach, United States, and Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, def. Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Sun Tian Tian, China, 6-3, 7-6 (4).  
Scott Draper and Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Mark Kuyper, Bahamas, and Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2.  
Kevin Ullyett, Zimbabwe, and Lieke Huber (4), South Africa, def. Todd Perry, Australia, and Milagros Sequera, Venezuela, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

Wayne Arthurs and Todd Masugave, Australia, def. Chris Haggard, South Africa, and Meilen Tu, United States, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (4).  
Frankrista, Czech Republic, and Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, def. Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Yan Zi, China, 6-3, 6-4.  
Wayne and Cara Black (2), Zimbabwe, def. Peter Luczak and Jaslyn Hewitt, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

She had trouble on serve after that, dropping it one again in the first set and twice in the second. Juan Ignacio Chela was fined \$2,000 by tournament referee Peter Bellenger for unsportsmanlike conduct in his third round loss to against No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt on Saturday night.

Chela became angry when he thought Hewitt celebrated too much on an unforced error that had given the Australian triple break point.

Chela's next serve at Hewitt, which Hewitt converted to break the break, and then appeared to spit toward Hewitt when the players were switching sides.

"He spat in my direction," said Hewitt. "It's sad that something like that happens. But, you know, he apologized to the net when we shook hands."

Chela ended spitting at Hewitt.

## SPORTS

## The making of 'Los Mets'



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The Mets' Omar Minaya, the first Hispanic general manager in Major League Baseball, has signed the two biggest names on the free-agent market this winter — pitcher Pedro Martinez (top right) and center fielder Carlos Beltran (bottom right). He is pursuing slugger Carlos Delgado. Minaya's charm, personal touch and understanding of Latino culture has been an attraction for Hispanic players.



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## Minaya's touch a big hit with Latino free agents

BY RICARDO ZUNIGA  
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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Omar Minaya takes the podium, speaks a few words in English, then stops.

"Since we are in Puerto Rico," he said, "I think we should do this in Spanish."

With charm and a personal touch, the new Mets general manager convinced Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran to sign with New York's No. 2 team, rapidly remaking their image as "Los Mets."

Born in the Dominican Republic and the first Hispanic GM in the major leagues, Minaya figured money alone wouldn't get the deals done with arguably the highest-profile pitcher and position player in the free-agent market.

He knew language, family values and respect would be important factors, too, with his fellow Hispanics.

So Minaya decided to visit Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Thanksgiving and see Beltran in Puerto Rico earlier this month. "The intuition of me under-

standing the culture led me to our strategy (which) was one of, 'Let's go one step further, let's go there,'" Minaya said last week in San Juan.

Minaya met with Carlos Delgado twice last week in Puerto Rico, hoping to lure him to what Beltran christened the "new Mets."

Quick work so far by Minaya, who was the Montreal Expos' GM until being hired by the Mets in the final week of last season. He now is in charge of reviving a team that went 71-91 for its third straight losing year.

In Minaya, 46, the Mets got someone with his own distinctive style.

During his scouting days with the Texas Rangers, he helped sign Sammy Sosa and Juan Gonzalez. To make ends meet on his climb up in baseball, he worked all over New York, including a stint selling perfume at the Bloomingdale's counter.

"I used to do all kinds of side jobs, between working in the meat district to doing modeling," Minaya said. "I really liked being

## A foreign flavor

The New York Mets are trying to become a destination for more Latin American stars.

Major League N.Y. Mets



NOTE: There are 40 players on MLB rosters; 25 may be active

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in the meatpacking district. We worked hard. We packed the meat, then went all over delivering it."

There's no doubt he's doing well now. Last week, he had dinner at the White House with his old boss with the Rangers — President Bush.

"The fact that I'm in New York, the fact that I was raised right next to Shea Stadium, the fact that I come from immigrant parents, sometimes you step back and say, 'How did you get here?'" he said.

Minaya was born in Valverde, a small town in the Dominican Republic. His parents moved to New York when he was 8 and settled in Queens, a 10-minute drive from Shea Stadium. His father worked on the Brooklyn docks and his mother in a factory.

Minaya says he is embarrassed by the attention and repeatedly cites his staff: Tony Bernard, Jim Duquette and John Ricco. "These guys are really the guys who do most of the work and should get most of the credit," he

The NFC and AFC championship games started too late to be included in this edition.

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